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From campus to corporate

—EMPLOYMENT B-1

## Online glitch endangers SGA senate elections

BENJAMIN D. BAIRD  
STAFF WRITER

An unresolved error in the new Polaris software could prevent many students from voting online in the Student Government Association elections at the end of the month and senators are suggesting students return to paper ballot voting should the malfunction occur.

Since the university converted Polaris — UCF's online program that allows students to register for classes and vote in student elections — to a new operating system, several student senators are worried that glitches in the online voting procedure may allow some students to vote for senators outside their own colleges and will prevent other students from voting at all.

Students are supposed to vote only for candidates within their own colleges.

The senate has decided to continue to use the online system because it generates higher voter turnout than when paper ballots are used.

"It would just be a matter of printing the list [of candidates] and purchasing scantrons," said Sen. Juan de la Torre.

But the idea of students using paper ballots to vote this year if the online system fails could create havoc, because there would be no way to confirm which students already had voted online.

The senate did decide that if the online system is not acceptable one week prior to the election, a paper ballot system could be implemented.

However, there are those who remain skeptical about switching from online voting to paper ballot voting.

"If they have paper ballots, there would be no way for them to do it [at the satellite campuses]," said Sen. Jena Delk, who represents the Brevard campus. "How can they possibly have people at all the campuses?"

Delk's concerns stem from a lack of human resources involved with the elections.

While there are enough people to properly oversee an online election — seven election commissioners and five deputies — those same 12 individuals would not be able to count a potential 39,000 ballots in the event of a paper ballot election.

In the event of a paper-ballot elec-

PLEASE SEE *Student* ON A-8

## Are we Floridiots?

*State election mistakes continue to frustrate voters, candidates*

JASON IRSAY  
STAFF WRITER

State officials Thursday declared Bill McBride the winner of the Democratic primary, but Janet Reno has not yet conceded defeat in the latest Florida election mess to frustrate voters.

On Friday Reno asked for a manual recount of all votes cast in Miami-Dade County, one of her strongholds. Meanwhile, her request for a manual recount of all ballots cast statewide was denied by the state elections board. An official determination of the victor of Florida's latest controversial vote may not come until

Tuesday.

McBride defeated Reno by a narrow margin, only 8,196 votes. Election officials continue to investigate voting irregularities in Miami-Dade and Broward counties, where irregularities included polling places that opened late and voting machines that did not work.

Reno's campaign has questioned voter turnout at dozens of precincts in the two counties, where several precincts reported unusually low

PLEASE SEE *McBride* ON A-3

## Thank goodness it's Friday



JOE KALEITA / CFF

Several classrooms sit empty on Fridays, such as this one in the Communication Building. Nearly 10,000 students have no Friday classes.

KRISTIN DAVIS  
STAFF WRITER

*Extended weekends common trend at Florida universities*

College students everywhere often celebrate the conclusion of a long week by taking the day off on Friday instead of attending classes. This four-day school week has become an increasingly popular trend at UCF and many other Florida college campuses, resulting in over crowding and traffic congestion on campus Monday through Thursday.

"I arrange my schedule to avoid Friday classes," said sophomore Erica Vanderwerf. "I can't go a full week with classes. I'd go

crazy."

In a recent campus headcount, about 26,000 students attended classes every day from Monday through Thursday. This headcount noticeably declines by nearly 10,000 students by the time Friday rolls around.

Sophomore Matt Yachmetz said he intentionally arranged his class schedule this semester to have Fridays off.

"I wanted the longer

weekends, that's the only reason I did it," he said.

Other students blamed a lack of classes being offered on Friday as the reason most students didn't schedule classes on that day.

"The only reason I didn't take any classes on Friday is because none of the classes I needed were available," said student Marc Blatt.

But Friday classes still

exist, said Linda Sullivan, associate registrar at UCF.

This semester offered 906 class sections on Fridays. However, Monday through Thursday saw 1200-1400 classes scheduled each of those days.

Maribeth Ehasz, associate vice president, thinks that spreading classes more evenly throughout the weekdays and even offering Saturday classes would help ease overcrowding on campus Monday through Thursday.

Ehasz assures students that the administration will

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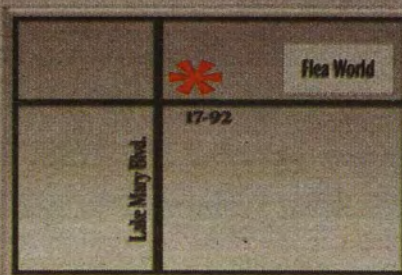


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# McBride declared winner of primary, but Reno's not ready to concede defeat

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turnouts and where Reno enjoyed her greatest support.

Reno's insistence on a recount of votes could endanger the party unity both she and McBride say is needed to defeat Republican Gov. Jeb Bush in November.

McBride briefly spoke with Reno before declaring victory. He said that he harbors no ill will toward Reno for not conceding, adding that both he and Reno have a shared goal.

"I think we have a consensus," said McBride. "The consensus is, we need a new governor."

Tony Welch, a spokesman for McBride's campaign, said the campaign is moving forward to press its case against Bush.

Welch said he doesn't think Reno's delay will hurt McBride's chances.

Citing the high turnout for the primary, Welch said, "When you consider the vote ... there's a lot of enthusiasm to defeat Jeb Bush."

McBride, a Tampa lawyer and former head of the state's largest law firm, overcame Reno's lead in the past month with a television ad campaign that raised his profile throughout the state.

Reno had fairly solid support at the start of her campaigning, but many Democrats ultimately felt McBride had a better chance of defeating Bush than Reno did, said Aubrey Jewett, a UCF political science associate professor.

The Bush campaign has no preference in opponent, said Martha Pratt, deputy communications director for the Bush campaign.

"We are prepared to run on our record of accomplishments over the last four years," said Pratt.

McBride, who claimed victory Thursday, said he hasn't chosen a run-

ning mate yet but is considering both Reno and Daryl Jones, the state senator who placed third in the Democratic primary, as his nominee for lieutenant governor.

On most issues, the two candidates share common views. Reno praised McBride and vowed to work with him.

"Bill McBride would make a great governor," she said. "If he is the nominee, I intend to work very hard for him and campaign for him."

According to Welch, McBride will make education a centerpiece of his campaign against Bush.

Earlier in his campaign, McBride blasted Bush on education. "Florida is languishing in education under Gov. Bush," said McBride.

McBride said that if elected as governor, he would also push for improved wages for the working class, a diversified economy and a low-cost prescription-drug plan for seniors.

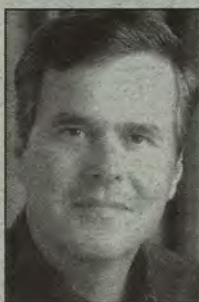
Bush will also focus on education in his campaign and will remind voters of bills that he passed to increase funding for education during his term, said Pratt.

"Since 1998, funding for K-12 education has increased by \$3 billion, a 27 percent increase in total funding, while student growth has increased by 10.5 percent," said Pratt. "Per student funding has increased by \$736, or 15.1 percent."

Bush also will highlight crime-reduction programs he enacted during his term, said Pratt.

"Thanks to tough Bush initiatives like '10-20-Life' and 'Three Strikes-and-You're-Out,' Florida has the lowest crime rate in 29 years," said Pratt.

Pratt said that Bush also plans to tout economic growth.



Bush

"Florida continues to create more jobs than any other state and was one of only 16 states to show job growth from July 2001 to June 2002."

Welch said that McBride will cite the "crisis at the DCF" and the recurring election problems as evidence of Bush's poor leadership.

UCF students expressed frustration over the latest voting debacle.

"Florida needs to get its act together ... and Bush should be held accountable," said senior Dante Sampang. "It does go all the way to the top."

Sophomore Ryan Martin also holds Bush accountable for the voting problems.

"I don't think that it's a coincidence that we've had two major elections where something like this has happened," said Martin.

Bush spokesperson Pratt deflected criticism for last week's voting mistakes.

"The best thing we can do is make sure that we have competent local officials running the elections," said Pratt.

Martin opposes the idea of conducting a revote or a recount.

"I don't like the idea of revotes. It opens the floodgates ... you never have a perfect election, especially when it's this close," he said.

Martin's solution for Florida's flawed voting process is to bypass the entire system and move voting to a more technological method.

"Voting online or using electronic resources would be better," he said. "When you're counting votes by hand or machine, you'll always have more error involved."

UCF graduate Jerry Spoto also supports further reforms in the voting process. Spoto said most people who

**Florida needs a standard, uniform ballot all the way across the board. Right now there are too many ways of voting.**

—JERRY SPOTO  
UCF graduate

care about the elections process and their vote are frustrated that there are no final results almost a week later.

"Florida needs a standard, uniform ballot all the way across the board," he said. "Right now there are too many ways of voting."

Spoto, who voted for Reno, said she should push for a revote.

Senior Kelly Levison disagrees. "We already dealt with that in the presidential election," he said. "It was long, drawn-out and the same person ended up winning anyway."

While Levison said he believes Reno captured enough votes in South Florida to win the Democratic primary, he said McBride has a much better chance of winning against Bush.

## SGA BRIEFS

# \$20,000 for speaker may dry up student funds

SHEYLA NIEVES  
STAFF WRITER

After granting \$20,000 to the Progressive Council to bring activist Michael Moore to speak at UCF, some Student Government Association senators are worried that granting large amounts of money in the beginning of the school year could leave the senate short by the end of the year.

Sen. Anthony Tsonis said a similar problem occurred last year and a few student groups had to be turned away for lack of funds.

Sen. C. Hunter Singh said if

the senate continued to pass bills without checking how much money the body had to work with, it was "frittering away" students' money.

### Airfare concerns senate

The UCF Trial Team's request for funds to attend the Yale Mock Trial Invitational came under Singh's and Tsonis' scrutiny.

Both senators were concerned about the trial team's airfare expense of \$7,986.

Tsonis questioned why the team wanted to directly fly to New Haven, Conn., when it could have opted to take a flight

to a larger airport for a cheaper price.

Sen. Tyler VanVoorhees, a member of the trial team, said the objections were founded, but the team had always taken direct flights in the past so that members were rested for competitions. He added that the student government had paid for the team to fly into New Haven in previous years.

The team's performance will be jeopardized at the competition if it has to travel by train or car and arrive late in the evening, said VanVoorhees. Trial team members told senators that only two airlines flew

into the New Haven airport and the team had selected the cheaper of the two.

Senators will vote on the trial team's request Thursday.

### \$50,000 for private lobbying

Student senators continued to debate a bill that seeks to hire lobbyists for the UCF student body.

Singh said he did not believe that private lobbyists would successfully represent students at UCF.

University of Florida student government officials already hired a law firm over the summer, according to

Joshua Grosshans, SGA's director of governmental affairs.

UF is pleased with the connections its firm has established with their community and administration, said Grosshans, and a private lobbying firm would be equally beneficial for UCF.

SGA would pay about \$50,000 for a private lobbying firm to represent UCF on both a local and state level.

The lobbying bill will have its final vote in senate Thursday. The student body president and the chief student affairs officer will then have to sign off on it.



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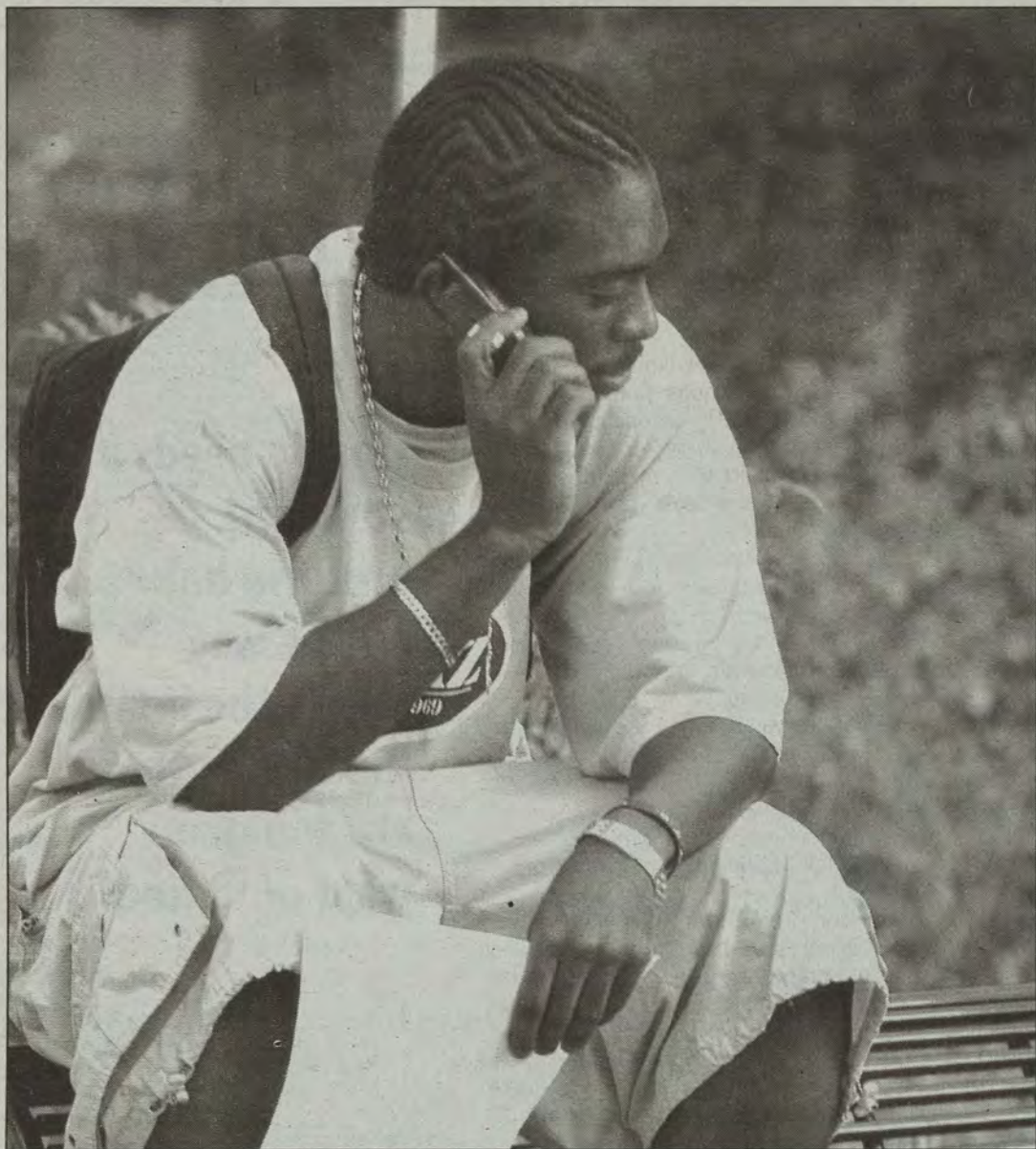
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Lonnie Battle talks to his cousin on a recent afternoon. According to the FCC, 62 percent of 18- to 24 year-olds own cell phones.

JOE KALEITA / CFF

# Landlines on decline

*Five percent of subscribers use their cell phones as their only phone line*

KATRINA HAMMER  
STAFF WRITER

Everyone knows the old saying "talk is cheap," but nobody could have guessed how important cheap talk would be to college students.

Cellular phone use has exploded on campuses nationwide, including UCF. Every day thousands of students can be seen walking on campus and talking on cellular phones. In the United States alone, 61 percent of 18- to 24-year-olds own cell phones, according to the Federal Communications Commission.

In fact, many students now rely on their cell phones for all of their calling needs instead of land line connections. Most students find that wireless calling plans provide cheaper long distance as well as convenience.

Sophomore Symone Paolino doesn't have a telephone connection in her apartment for a few reasons. She says the main reason is the inconsistency of her previous service provider.

"Bell South doesn't know what's going on," she said. "They billed me three times for the same month."

Paolino uses her cell phone to call her brother in Colorado and doesn't have to worry about long distance, which is covered in most cell phone plans.

Long distance is just one of the primary reasons students are drawn to wireless plans. Many plans include long distance with their service, instead of charging a separate per-minute fee.

"My plan comes with long distance," said freshman Jennifer Myers. "I use it to call home to St. Pete because it's so much cheaper."

Students are undoubtedly attracted to the convenience of having a cellular phone rather than the standard connection in homes. These home connections, more recently termed land lines, do not provide users with all the features that now come with a basic cellular phone and service plan.

"I never use my home line," said freshman Jessica Salesky. "Calling cards are a pain, and I'm never in my room anyway."

The cellular phones of today can provide stu-

dents with access to their e-mail accounts, the Internet, instant messaging service and a myriad of other specialized features.

In a recent survey of 803 wireless service subscribers, 85 percent of college-aged students know how to use every function on their cell phone and usually use them regularly.

Angie Morales, a sales associate for T-Mobile at Waterford Lakes, said that about one in every 10 customers is looking for a cell phone as their primary phone.

Students typically purchase the \$39.99 plan which includes 600 anytime minutes, voice mail service, caller ID, call waiting and forwarding and no charge for long distance or roaming, said Morales.

For about \$10 less, Verizon offers customers a home phone service plan with unlimited local calls and one choice of four features — call waiting, call forwarding, caller ID, voicemail, and call block. The plan does not include long distance and does not offer the mobility of a cellular phone.

Cell phones provide a way for students to stay in touch with friends and not miss any calls while they are away from their apartments or dorms.

"I give my cell number out because I have four other roommates and the chance that I would get my messages is pretty low," said sophomore Jack Sterba.

Also, students that change residences frequently may find a cellular phone is more convenient because they can keep the same phone number for as long as they like, no matter where they move in the nation. Students coming to UCF from locations other than the Orlando area may like to keep their cell phone with their hometown area code.

"My friends back home can call me without having to pay long distance," said freshman Jeri Rhoads.

The competition between wireless and land-line corporations continues to heat up. The FCC reports that up to 5 percent of subscribers already use their cell phones as their only phone, or at least as their primary phone.

But not all students are thrilled with the popularity of cell phones.

"I hate it when people call me to talk about senseless things," said freshmen Rory Hubert. "That's why I don't have one, they just encourage people to do stupid things like talk in cars or in class."

Sophomore Monique Hubert agrees. "I think it's a great tool that's overused."

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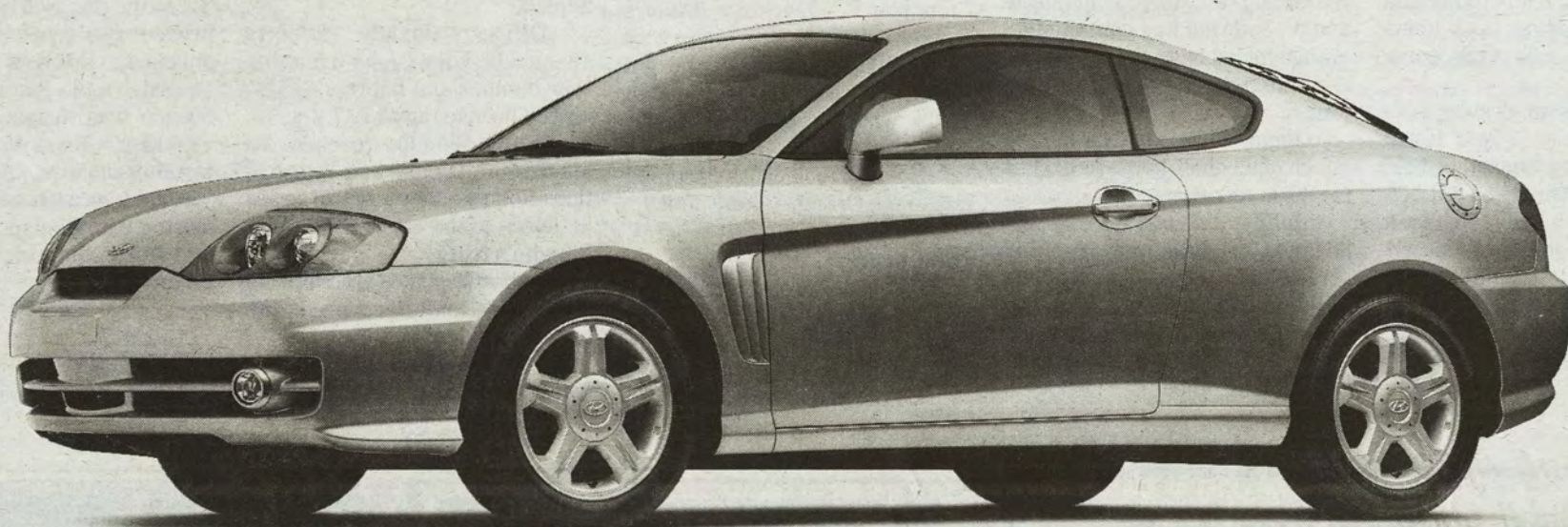
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## POLICE BEAT

## Blender-napper charged with 2 felonies, 18 misdemeanors

CATHLEEN CRANE  
STAFF WRITER

UCF police arrested Jason M. Johns on charges of felony morphine possession, felony cultivation of cannabis and 18 counts of possessing drug paraphernalia Sept. 12.

According to police records, Officer Mario Jenkins and Cpl. Dale Dennany went to Johns' dorm room at 1:59 a.m. to retrieve a blender that another student said Johns, 18, took from his room without permission.

Johns gave Jenkins and Dennany permission to enter his room. Once inside, Jenkins and Dennany noticed a beige flowerpot with soil, seeds and growing plants next to Johns' bed. Johns said he was growing flowers for his girlfriend.

Johns gave police permission to search his belongings and his side of the room. When Johns opened a dresser drawer to get photo identification, Jenkins and Dennany noticed several items they believed to be drug paraphernalia.

Johns' dresser drawer contained: a purple Crown Royal bag; a plastic container that held several Vicks inhalers, a pill bottle, Visine bottle, baby pacifier, a straw cut down to approximately 2.5 inches and a small metal cylinder; a blue plastic container holding two pills; three cigarette plastic wrappers; and several cigars.

Johns said one of the pills was Aderol. He could not identify the second pill, but said a friend of his from South Florida gave it to him.

Jenkins and Dennany also found a blue pill crusher with white residue. Johns said he used the crusher and the cigarette wrappers to crush Xanax and he used the straw to snort Xanax. Johns said the pacifier and Vicks inhalers are commonly used with Ecstasy. Johns said he takes tobacco out of the cigars and uses them to smoke marijuana. Johns said he used the metal container, a waterproof match holder, to hold his drugs.

Jenkins and Dennany questioned Johns again about the plant in the flowerpot. Johns said it was marijuana.

In Johns' room, Jenkins also found a bottle of Roxanol Morphine Sulfate that Johns said a friend gave to him for his tattoo. Dennany found a red pill crusher containing a 2-inch long straw and a sandwich bag containing 8 orange nickel bags. Johns said he used the red crusher for crushing Xanax.

Johns added that he had "a bunch of alcohol" in the freezer of his dorm refrigerator.

Johns did not invoke his Miranda rights and Jenkins arrested him. Jenkins took Johns to the UCF Police Department to log evidence and then transported him to the Orange County central booking office.

## Two for one

A stop for speeding turned into felony arrests on charges of unauthorized possession of an identity card for Demetrios Camarinos and Daniel M. Fox Sept. 6.

Officer James Roberts stopped Camarinos for speeding on Gemini Drive at 3:49 a.m.

Camarinos gave Roberts consent to search his car. During the search, Roberts found a cup containing an alcoholic beverage and a fake identification for passenger Fox, 18.

Fox's identification had a false birth date and incorrect Social Security number. Though the card was embossed with Connecticut on top, Roberts determined it was not a government-issued card.

After Roberts arrested Fox, he found a Texas driver's license with Camarinos' picture on it. The biographical data did not match the information on Camarinos' Florida driver's license.

Camarinos, 19, said he got the Texas license from a friend in Texas when he attended Baylor University.

Roberts took Camarinos and Fox to the Orange County Jail.

## What beer?

Patrick Lerche landed in Orange County Jail for resisting an officer without violence and an open container violation Sept. 7.

Officer Mario Jenkins was on

foot patrol in Phase II of the Academic Village at 5:38 a.m. when he saw Lerche, 20, walking with an open beer bottle.

Jenkins shined his flashlight onto Lerche and called out for Lerche to stop, but Lerche walked around the building out of Jenkins' sight.

Jenkins called to Lerche again and began to run after him. Jenkins next saw Lerche walking without the beer.

When Jenkins asked where the beer was, Lerche replied, "What beer?" After further questions, Lerche admitted to Jenkins that he had disposed of the beer.

Lerche said he kept walking after Jenkins called out because he thought Jenkins was a police officer and wanted to get rid of the beer before he got caught.

## Speak softly

UCF police issued a Notice to Appear to Jereme Blondin for carrying a concealed weapon Sept. 9.

Officer James Roberts stopped Blondin, 20, for a missing rear bumper and improperly displayed license tag at 7:17 p.m.

When Blondin reached for his driver's license and registration, Roberts saw a set of brass knuckles in the center console of Blondin's truck.

Roberts placed Blondin in handcuffs and recovered the brass knuckles.

Further search of Blondin's truck revealed a butterfly knife

inside the center console.

Blondin told Roberts he made the brass knuckles at work, but he did not know it was illegal to have them.

Blondin was very cooperative during his interview with police and police made the decision to release him from the station with a notice to appear.

Charges for Blondin's possession of the butterfly knife on campus are pending.

## Four strikes

A suspended license did not stop William Schmith from getting behind the wheel Sept. 8.

Officer Mario Jenkins stopped Schmith at 11:30 p.m. after observing Schmith making a right hand turn without stopping at a stop sign, speeding approximately 30 mph in a 20 mph zone and making a right hand turn into a "Do not enter" entrance of a parking lot.

When Jenkins approached Schmith, 20, Schmith said his license was suspended. Jenkins checked Florida computer records and found Schmith's license was suspended on four separate occasions within the last four months.

Jenkins arrested Schmith for driving with a suspended license and took him to the Orange County Jail.

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# 10,000 fewer students attend classes on Fridays

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continue to study this issue as enrollment continues to grow at UCF.

Yachmetz says that even though traffic is heavier in the beginning of the school week, offering more Friday classes won't significantly alleviate congestion during the week.

"There is still 38,000 kids going here, so there wouldn't be less traffic just because there is more classes," he said.

Professors on campus have come to expect a smaller attendance in their Friday classes.

"I have noticed there are fewer students showing up on Fridays than the rest of the week," said speech professor Courtney Paschal-Brown. "I think it's because Thursday is the night to go out in Orlando."

Students aren't the only ones who prefer Fridays off.

"I don't teach any Friday classes right now," said psychology professor Charles Negy. "I don't have office hours that day either, because if I did, I know students wouldn't come in on that day. I have teacher meetings in the morning, but the rest of the day I use as an extended weekend."

Many teachers who have Friday classes

have resorted to scheduling tests and graded assignments that day in order to make sure students are showing up.

"I sometimes schedule impromptu speeches on Fridays just to make sure students are coming to class when they are supposed to," said Paschal-Brown.

Finite math instructor Barry Griffiths also uses this tactic in order to raise the attendance in his lecture classes.

"I purposely construct the courses I teach to show new material to classes on Fridays," he said. "By going through the lessons slowly and spreading them out all week long, it has increased attendance."

## University of Central Florida Thirty-Fourth Student Body Senate Constitutional Amendment 34-03

**Introduced by:** LJR Chair Falkowitz • **Sponsored By:** LJR Committee (DPT Soroka, Senators: Schiller, Bryan, De La Torre, Hsu, Balesteri, and Van Voorhees) • **Contact:** Chair Falkowitz  
**Committee Action: Passed • Second Reading:** August 22, 2002 • **Third Reading:** September 5, 2002  
**Vote:** 22 for/ 0 against/ 0 abstain

(Constitutional Amendment Regarding Subpoena Power)

Whereas, the Student Senate is provided the ability to issue subpoenas by a majority vote of the entire body or by majority vote of a committee.  
Whereas, this procedure is unlawful and may cause the Senate of the University of Central Florida to encounter legal actions against itself.  
Whereas, the Senate has the rightful ability to use its power of Special Acts in order to bring action upon individuals or groups responsible to Student Government.

Therefore be it amended by the 34th Student Senate that the Constitution of the Student Body of the University of Central Florida be amended to read as follows:

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E. Impeach Student Body officers, both elected and appointed, according to procedures described in Statute.  
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G. Allocate all student funds, as provided by statute.  
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I. Establish means through which the Student Body can actively participate in the formulation of policies affecting the students of the University of Central Florida.  
J. Override a veto by the Student Body President by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate.  
K. Override a veto by the chief Student Affairs officer by two-thirds (2/3) vote and refer the legislation to the President of the University for ultimate review.  
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D. Sign or veto all measures passed by the Senate within ten (10) school days of passage from the Senate. No action by the Student Body President in ten (10) school days shall constitute approval of the measure by the Student Body President. The chief Student Affairs officer shall have three (3) weeks to veto or sign the measures in question. No action in three weeks shall constitute approval of the measure by the chief Student Affairs officer.  
E. Call and preside over meetings of the Student Body and

student assemblies when appropriate.  
F. Address the Senate at least once each academic term and on other occasions, upon the invitation of the Senate.  
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D. The provision of appellate procedures, as defined by statute.

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A. The Chief Justice of the Judicial Council shall serve as the chief administrative officer of the judiciary and shall be vested with, and shall exercise in accordance with rules adopted by the court the authority to:  
1. Assign duties among the Justices of the Council.  
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3. Conduct and preside over Council proceedings.  
4. Rule on procedural questions that arise during the course of the judicial proceedings.  
5. Rule on the pertinence of evidence presented before the Council, as established in The Golden Rule: A

Handbook for Students.  
6. Report, orally and in writing, to the accused, the recommendation of the Judicial Council.  
7. Be responsible for administering the "Oath of Office" to all Student Body officers.  
8. Inform the Senate of the condition of the judiciary and recommend measures for the improvement of the administration of Justices.  
9. Report to the Senate such defects in the laws as may have been brought to the attention of the Council and suggest such amendments or additional legislation, which is deemed necessary.  
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B. The Chief Student Affairs Officer shall have thirty calendar days from the date the results are posted to sign or veto the constitutional amendment. If no action is taken in thirty days, the amendment shall be considered approved.

Be it further enacted;  
That all subsections be renumbered



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# Student may use paper ballots for elections

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tion, there presumably would be a mad rush to appoint deputy commissioners of elections.

While a deadline last week put an end to the appointment of new election

commissioners, deputies can be appointed throughout the process.

"If we have to go to paper balloting, we're understaffed," said de la Torre. "I keep telling my fellow senators to push these deputy commissioners through."

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**Committee Action:** Passed • **Second Reading:** August 22, 2002 • **Third Reading:** September 5, 2002  
**Vote:** 24 for/ 0 against/ 2 abstain

(Restructuring of Executive and Legislative Branches)

Whereas, there is a need to redefine the structure of our Student Government in order to facilitate an environment that represents a true distinction between the Executive and Legislative branches. Whereas, under the current system, the Executive branch often over steps its authority and becomes imposing upon the Legislature.

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- The Chief Student Affairs Officer shall have thirty calendar days from the date the results are posted to sign or veto the constitutional amendment. If no action is taken in thirty days, the amendment shall be considered approved.

Be it further amended that the words Student-Body be added before each reference of President and Vice President.

Be it further enacted that this amendment after ratification be established May 8<sup>th</sup> 2003



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# National Briefs

## Comment prompts major law-enforcement response

THE EVERGLADES, Fla. — An overheard comment in a Georgia coffee shop sparked a massive law-enforcement response in southern Florida on Friday, shutting down a major highway for most of the day while authorities questioned three men and searched their cars for explosives.

By day's end, no munitions were found, the men were released and a jittery nation eased after the latest in a series of suspected terrorist sightings proved to be false alarms.

From tense first moments to anti-climactic finale, the Florida episode played out all day on cable news channels.

The incidents diverted airborne passenger jets, emptied airport terminals and left Arab-Americans fuming about overreactions by both police and concerned citizens.

The Florida case was sparked Thursday by a nurse who told police she heard the three men at a Calhoun, Ga., coffee shop vowing to "make America cry," and provided descriptions and license plate numbers. Following an alert from Georgia authorities, the men were stopped late Thursday night a few miles east of Naples on Interstate Highway 75, a remote section of highway known as Alligator Alley.

At dusk, the men were released and drove east along the Everglades highway toward Miami.

Unamused police officials said the men could still be charged in Georgia for concocting a prank that led nurse Eunice Stone to report them as terror plotters. "If this is a hoax, they will be charged," said Collier County Sheriff Don Hunter.

The men denied they had said anything that could be construed as a threat.

Officials were accused of recklessness and abusing the civil liberties of citizens by the Illinois relatives of one of the Arab-American students held in Florida.

## Key Sept. 11 suspect captured, in US custody

WASHINGTON — Ramzi Binalshibh, who allegedly helped plan and coordinate the Sept. 11 terror attacks on New York and Washington, has been captured and is in U.S. custody after surviving a fierce firefight in Karachi with Pakistani police.

The arrest marks the end of an intense, yearlong man-hunt for a suspect believed to be one of the few living conspirators in the Sept. 11 plot.

Binalshibh was arrested by Pakistani police on Wednesday along with as many as 10 other suspects after a three-hour gun-and-grenade battle that killed two gunmen. He is being transferred to a U.S. airbase in Afghanistan, sources said.

Charged in Germany with more than 3,000 counts of murder for his alleged complicity in the attacks, Binalshibh had hoped to be the 20th hijacker

in the plot but was repeatedly rebuffed in his attempts to secure a U.S. visa, officials have said. His name has also surfaced in investigations of several other terrorist attacks, including the 2000 bombing of the USS Cole in Yemen and a bombing earlier this year on a synagogue in Tunisia.

## A small town hosts the mourners of Flight 93

SHANKSVILLE, Pa. — On a day bright with promise, the families, friends and admirers of the heroes of United Airlines Flight 93 gathered at the field where the plane crashed to remember the passengers and crewmembers.

Some aboard the flight — following passenger Todd Beamer's battle cry of "Let's roll!" — apparently attacked the four hijackers and forced the plane down as it headed toward Washington.

All aboard were killed. Recent reports from aides to Osama bin Laden say the hijacked plane, which had left Newark, N.J., bound for San Francisco, was targeting the Capitol.

On Wednesday morning, overcast weather led to smaller-than-anticipated crowds as several thousand people joined with 540 family members at the crash site to honor the dead and hear from speakers.

"During this period people could make a pledge to do a good deed that will help mankind in some small way — even if it's a hug, kiss, smile or wave — a prayer or just a silent thought of those they love," said Murial Borza, the 11-year-old sister of passenger Deora Bodley.

## One year later, Bin Laden status, location still unclear

BAGRAM, Afghanistan — A year after President Bush said he wanted Osama bin Laden "dead or alive," U.S. officials are not even able to establish whether bin Laden is, in fact, dead or alive.

Afghan officials say he is certainly alive and most probably in Pakistan. Pakistani officials say he is probably dead, but that if he is alive, he is in Afghanistan.

Not a word has been heard from him since.

It remains plausible that bin Laden died at Tora Bora. DNA tests conducted on the remains of dead al-Qaida fighters found in the vicinity turned up no evidence that bin Laden was among them.

On Sunday, an Arab television reporter said he was blindfolded and taken to a secret location in Pakistan in June to meet al-Qaida terrorism plotters Khalid Sheikh Mohammed and Ramzi Binalshibh.

In the absence of proof that bin Laden is dead, however, U.S. forces are "acting on the assumption that he may be alive," said King, the U.S. colonel. The majority of the al-Qaida fighters who battled at Tora Bora managed to flee, most into Pakistan and many back to their home countries.

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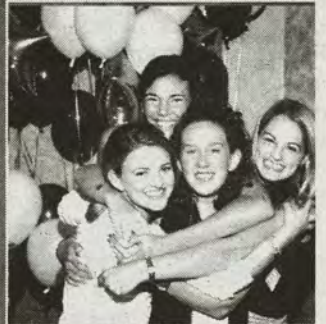
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# Opinions

Monday September 16, 2002

## OUR STANCE:

### Senate revote misrepresents students' desires, needs

**S**GA's recent decision to allocate \$20,000 to fund activist Michael Moore's appearance at UCF in October was significant — perhaps one of the most notably large allocations for a single speaker ever approved by the university's student senate. Apparently the decision was so significant, it warranted a second vote the same evening.

The move for a second vote wasn't because ballots were miscounted or voting machines weren't working — the revote occurred simply because several senators pushed for a second vote once students left the room.

Perhaps it was to avoid any scrutiny or disapproval from several students who attended the senate meeting to voice their support for the bill. Maybe it was because some senators joined the meeting late and were not present to cast their vote the first time around.

Whatever the reason may have been, revotes in public meetings not only violate the state's public open meetings laws, but more importantly violate the trust of students who count on and elect officials into senate positions to represent their wants and needs.

The senators' move for a revote not only deceived students who left the meeting feeling confident that their desires were considered and that a final decision was made in their presence, but it also allowed an unfair revote by allowing more senators, who joined the meeting late, to cast a vote which could have reversed the decision entirely.

What would happen if the United States Senate voted a second time on a bill because they felt pressured to vote one way or another? A public outcry would inevitably follow.

As a university senator, student senators automatically accept all the responsibilities of a public official, which includes making decisions under pressure and under the eye of public scrutiny.

If it is indeed common practice for the student senate to vote twice on student issues — once when students are present and then again after students leave — then there is something seriously wrong with the way the student senate conducts itself. By voting one way when students are present and another after they leave, senators deceive the very people they are supposed to represent.

Had the second vote gone the other way and the student senate had denied the bill, every student who had taken the time to let their senators know how strongly they support the measure and had left the meeting with faith in representative democracy, would have felt lied to and would undoubtedly lose complete faith in their representatives and refuse to re-elect them.

By inviting students to attend its meetings and then voting another way once students leave, the student senate simply pays lip service to the idea of representative democracy. Perhaps election mistakes run deeper than state government. Maybe Florida's student governments are where election blunders are born.

## OUR STANCE:

### Election difficulties are time-honored tradition in Florida

**P**eople everywhere are wondering if there is a way to fix Florida. In a state that has seen everything from forged absentee ballots, to voting boxes stashed in dumpsters, to dangling chads on voting ballots, election difficulties seem to be a time-honored tradition in Florida.

This year, after the state vowed to solve those election problems and spent \$35 million in state tax payer money to overhaul the state's deficient voting system, last week's democratic primary was still plagued by ballots that were miscounted, mis-torn or mis-marked and by polling precincts that opened late, closed early or did not open at all.

Florida proved to the rest of nation that all the money and restructuring in the world won't save this state from a reputation that will precede it for a very long time — that Floridians will never get the hang of how to conduct a fair election, just like Texans will never embrace the notion of gun control.

While some voters are calling for Internet voting and others are demanding high-tech voting machines as a solution to the state's ongoing voting tribulations, perhaps the best answer, short of canning the state from any elections in the future, is to simply practice and prepare until the state gets it perfect.

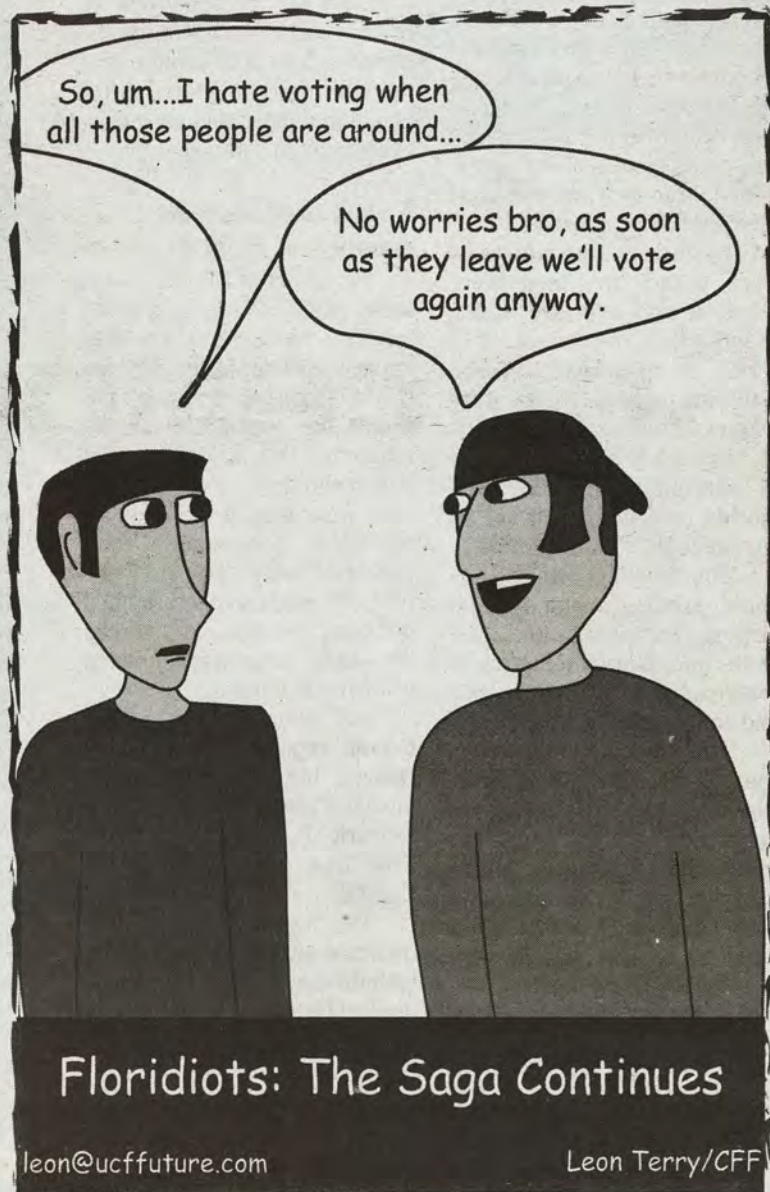
For a state that has had so many debacles

with elections in the past, there is no such thing as being too prepared. The best way to do that is to run mock elections — a pre-Election Day test run, if you will — to ensure that voting officials can operate equipment correctly, open voting precincts on time and are equipped with the correct instructions for voters.

In addition to training poll workers, the state should offer to compensate poll officials for their time. Currently, the state relies on volunteers to run the polls across the state. If the state paid poll worker in the same way they compensate jurors, than poll workers would have an incentive to show up on time, to learn how to operate equipment correctly, to take the elections process a little more seriously.

Florida now has less than two months to correct voting problems that it wasn't able to correct in two years. As much as Gov. Bush would like to deflect criticism for last week's election mistakes, he, as the state's top elected official, must bear the ultimate responsibility.

Bush must do everything in his power to guarantee that the Nov. 5 election goes off without a hitch — because even though Florida is working hard to correct election problems, voters and the rest of the nation shouldn't and won't settle for a state whose elections process isn't accurate, only a best effort.



## Letters to the Editor

Views expressed here are not necessarily those of *The Future*

### Because it's time to move on

I read the paper every morning at my business in the Student Union. I speak with friends on Greek Council, student government, and I speak with the UCF police department daily. I am tired of reading about them in the letters to the editor section.

As a former Interfraternity Council President, Fraternity President, and SGA Cabinet member, all of this is old news. I'm not saying the police are right or wrong, I'm not saying Marco was right or wrong, I'm telling us all to get on with our lives. A number of people have written saying their diploma is cheapened by these events. That is the most ridiculous thing I have ever heard. If you honestly are of this belief, go to Arizona State, where their SGA president was involved

in porn videos with numerous fraternity houses last month.

Though we do hold our leaders to a higher standard, let us not forget we are all college students, and the entire experience is a learning process. I'm sure if there was a lesson to be learned, Marco and the UCF police department have learned it. If not, I'm sure it doesn't need to be rehashed in our school's paper. As for the rest of us, lets move on with our lives. As we all know from the past week, life can be too short, let us spend it worrying about our friends and family, not Marco and the police.

—KEVAN STONE  
UCF Student

### U-Knighted We Stand a success

As co-chair of the U-Knighted We Stand candle light vigil I would like to start by thanking everyone who was at the event. We could not have done it without you. I would also like to apologize to anyone who was offended by Rev. Davis' speech.

When we met with him, and he told us what he would be speaking about, we reminded him that he could not talk about or preach religion. Please do not hold the fact that he disregarded everything we told him against us. We wanted to make the event a memorial, not a religious ceremony.

Second, I would like to defend another issue. It was stated in the *The Future's* Sept. 12 "We Remember" issue that the event wasn't diverse because there were no

female speakers. I would like to point out that we went to different organizations and asked for a speaker.

The fact that they sent a man and not a woman is not our fault. It is also not our fault that Alpha Epsilon Pi Fraternity — the presenters of the vigil — is a male organization, that the SGA president is a male and that the president of the university is a male.

We apologize that there were no female speakers, but there were none given to us. Again, I would like to thank everyone who came out and supported this event.

—MATTHEW FEINMAN  
Alpha Epsilon Pi 9-11 Co-Chair

"Men for the sake of getting a living forget to live."

—MARGARET FULLER

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# It's not a good thing to be Martha

ROBERT RENO  
NEWSDAY

The problem of what to do with Martha Stewart is beginning to assume grotesque proportions, somewhere between an incompetently staged melodrama and one of those scenes in a Jerry Springer show where families behave like baboons.

If Martha had been roasting on a spit since she unwisely dumped 4,000 shares of ImClone Systems last December, she couldn't have endured a more cruel and unusual punishment.

And all that for a crime like insider trading that is ultimately provable only by getting inside her head to discover what it was that provoked her to make a stock trade involving a drug called Erbitux that may or may not cure colorectal cancer.

If only Martha hadn't been everybody's idea of a smug perfectionist trading on the name of a former husband with a typically white Anglo-Saxon Protestant name, lording it over her WASPy Connecticut neighbors who may have been just as Polish as she is.

I confess to utter disgust that Martha, a former professional stock broker herself, didn't better appreciate the insider trading laws so she

could understand why so many cynical people assume she violated them.

The screaming irony is that for all the money she saved by dumping her ImClone shares in advance of the sudden collapse in their value, she could have afforded to hire more lawyers than God to tell her it looked smelly.

Meanwhile, there is a growing market for Martha disparagements. These include Internet-traded T-shirts that read "Insider trading: That's not a good thing."

More importantly, there's a rumor rampant on Wall Street that Martha wants to get out of being Martha Stewart. This takes the form of reports that she will retire as chief executive and chairman of the board.

If Martha is a sinking ship, what shrewder strategy than to pretend she's no longer in command?

There are problems with this sort of thinking. Obviously, even as she has become an increasing liability to Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia, she



Stewart

also remains a very real human being.

Separating her from her brand name could require a crowbar, maybe even a team of mules.

Martha's main problem is that she has assumed such a thoroughly defensive position. Nasty people will logically assume she has something to hide.

She even canceled appearances on CBS' "Early Show," a lightweight format of fluff and prattle where her skilled handlers might have babbled on endlessly about her innocence in between the cabbage recipes and schemes to stencil her ceilings in bright orange Amish patterns.

Martha has yet to agree to appear before congressional committees, whose members are drooling incontinently to be the first to ask her a searching question or, that failing, be able to brag that they've been on TV with Martha Stewart.

This tries the patience of Congress, which knows that the first hearings at which Martha appears will have ratings approaching the stratosphere. Pressure for her to appear can only intensify as members of Congress lust to be associated with her star power.

Martha's miseries are multiplied by the fact that her

**If Martha is a sinking ship, what shrewder strategy than to pretend she's no longer in command?**

principal retail outlet, Kmart, is in bankruptcy, her legal expenses are mounting and the price of a share of Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia is suffering.

The battering she and her company are taking would daunt the most skillful managers even without the carcass of Kmart to deal with.

Her Merrill Lynch stockbroker, Peter Bacanovic, is under suspension, as is his assistant, Douglas Faneuil. Both are crucial to support for her position that her ImClone trades were innocent acts prompted by nothing more sinister than a longstanding "sell" order.

The only piece of recent good news for Martha is that her shares leaped for a time last week when newspapers reported she might step down as CEO.

But that was precisely the sort of good news Martha can do without, since it implies that she has become a drag the company would be better off without.

Obviously, Martha has made a judgment that the less she says, the better. But for a woman so used to giving advice and yakking her head off about appearances and how they matter so desperately, she is, for once, unconvincing.

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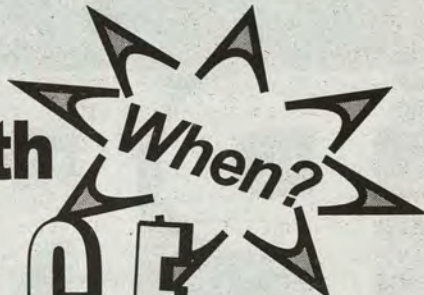
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# Cracks that cross the proverbial line

LINNEA BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

It happened just yesterday. A friend of mine was joking about his own stupidity and proceeded to physically pretend he was mentally retarded. Watching him turn his head sideways and exaggerate the motion of biting his ear made my blood run cold. Suddenly, the joke wasn't funny anymore.

You see, my dad has a motion disorder. He can't help the fact that his head is constantly turning to the side and the biting ear motion is all too familiar to me.

My friend didn't know that, of course. And in this day and age, jokes about an impairment, nationality, race or religion are told so frequently that they are considered acceptable to say aloud, as long as no one who would likely be offended is in earshot.

This brand of cruel, ethnocentric humor is becoming more and more tolerated in American culture.

Last week I witnessed a drunken businessman doing an obnoxiously inappropriate impression of a Muslim person in the middle of a restaurant, complete with the stereotypical Habib accent, while a table full of friends laughed loudly and egged him on.

I'm sure the man would have thought twice about doing the impression if anyone within listening distance had appeared to be Muslim. But how egotistical of the man to assume that just because his audience appeared to be white, they wouldn't be offended by the cruelty in his jokes.

Modern American entertainment is notoriously insensitive in its attempt to be comical. More often than not, we blindly accept the stereotypes depicted in movies as funny and incorporate them into our culture without realizing that they are not accurate depictions of real life.

For example, imagine that you are one

of the 100,000 Americans who suffers daily from Tourette Syndrome, an inherited neurological disorder that causes its victims to have uncontrollable body movements and blurt out inappropriate word and phrases.

Now think about the horrific portrayal of the potty-mouthed twitcher in the movie "Deuce Bigalow," who made America believe that Tourette Syndrome is a made-up, laughable disorder that only crazy people believe in.

Entertainment media blatantly make fun of physical factors that people have no control over, such as race or physical impairments. Although we may see these things on screen, it's important that we distinguish reality from embellishment and stay sensitive to the feelings of the people around us.

It all comes down to being socially aware — aware that no matter what people look like, you can never know what will offend them.

Consider that the next time you tell a fat joke to the buff hottie in your physics class. For all you know, he or she may have grown up being labeled the fat kid in school who was constantly teased about his weight by classmates.

Regardless of who may be listening, such jokes should never be thought up in the first place. The belief that a particular group is superior and another group is inferior is the sickening thought process that has set the stage for wars, terror and destruction for thousands of years.

And who decided these jokes are funny, anyway? They're just a distasteful excuse to cover up one's own insecurities by making others look bad.

The people who choose to snicker at these jokes are no better than the individuals telling them. Our society will never change if we keep laughing.

## Free speech: Still flourishing

Free speech is never at its most popular in times of war and national emergency, and you might expect that it would inspire less devotion among the American people after Sept. 11 than before. A new poll by the First Amendment Center, based in Arlington, Va., finds that respect for First Amendment rights has indeed declined. "Many Americans view these fundamental freedoms as possible obstacles in the war on terrorism," laments executive director Ken Paulson.

No one puts greater value on the right to express opinions than those of us who comment on important events in the news media. But the full story of free speech in the past year is more encouraging than dismal.

The First Amendment Center notes with dismay that 49 percent of Americans say the First Amendment protects too much freedom — up from 39 percent in 2001. Forty-two percent think the press has too much freedom.

At the same time, there are plenty of reassuring numbers.

No less than 94 percent of those polled agree that people should be free to express unpopular opinions — and two out of every three Americans say they "strongly support" that right. Three out of four think the right to speak one's mind is "essential," and 83 percent feel that way about religious freedom. Only 46 percent favor a constitutional amendment to ban desecration of the U.S. flag, which the Supreme Court says is protected by the Constitution — down from 51 percent three years ago.

But if many Americans are skeptical of

the need for so much liberty, that would hardly come as a surprise to the nation's founders. The reason they included these basic freedoms in the Bill of Rights was precisely to shield them from the unpredictable tides of democracy. The urge to silence unwelcome ideas has always been present even in the most enlightened democracies.

What is striking about the state of free speech in America since Sept. 11 is how healthy it is. During World War I, hundreds of antiwar activists were arrested merely for voicing opposition to the U.S. war effort. During the McCarthy era, thousands of people with left-of-center views were investigated or stigmatized as possible communists. But in the past year, despite the heightened fear of terrorists in our midst, there has been nothing comparable.

The Justice Department has been criticized in some quarters for its detention of noncitizens on suspicion of terrorist activity and the like. But it has not tried to suppress peaceful political dissent, no matter how vociferous.

And there is no reason to think it will. Whatever aversion Americans feel about dissent during a time of crisis, they generally accept it as part of our system. "This is a country that learned its lessons," says Richard Epstein, who teaches constitutional law at the University of Chicago.

Americans may not be universally enthusiastic about all the liberties that flourish in our cacophonous democracy. But anyone waiting for a wave of political repression will be waiting a long time.

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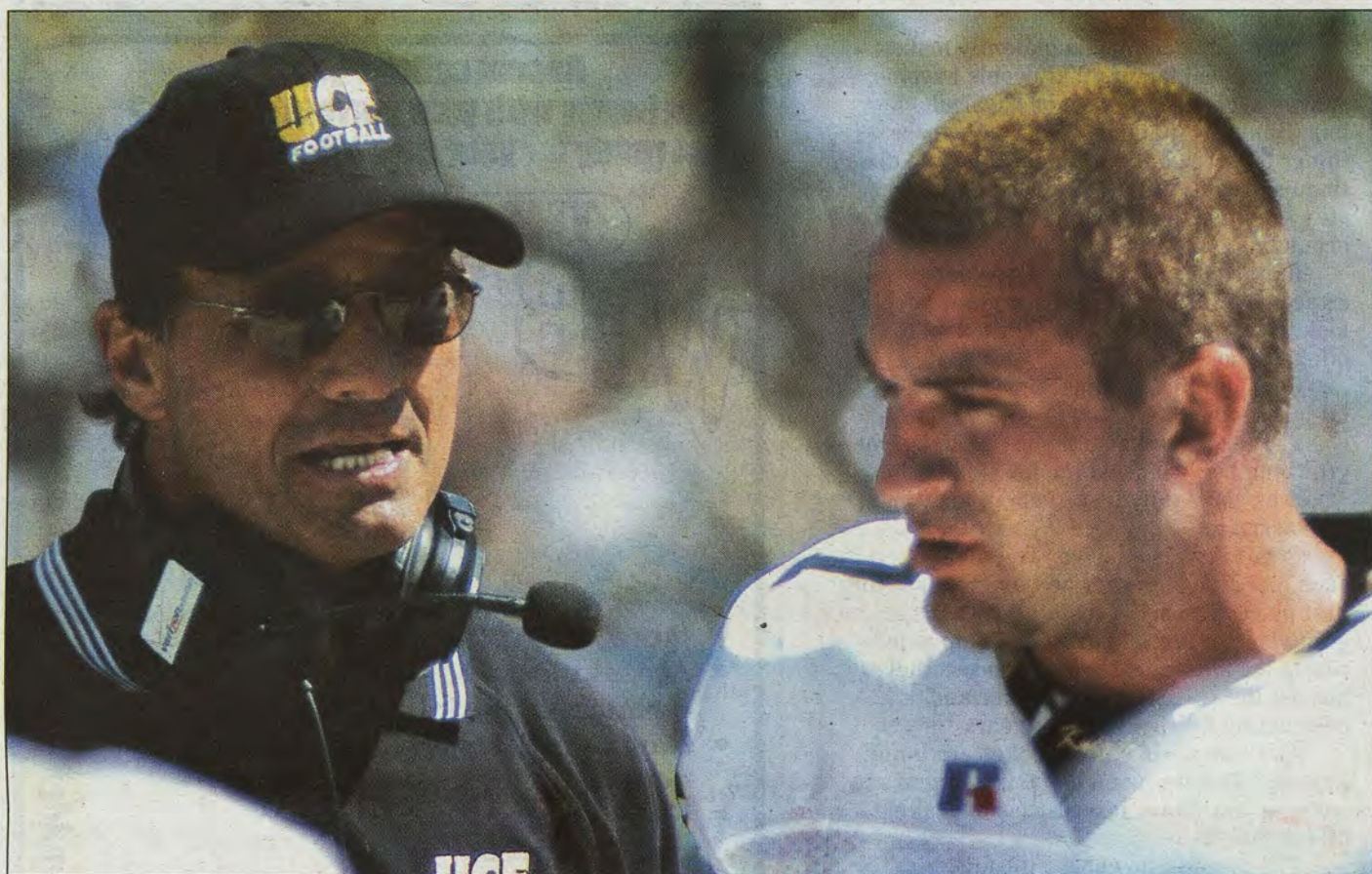
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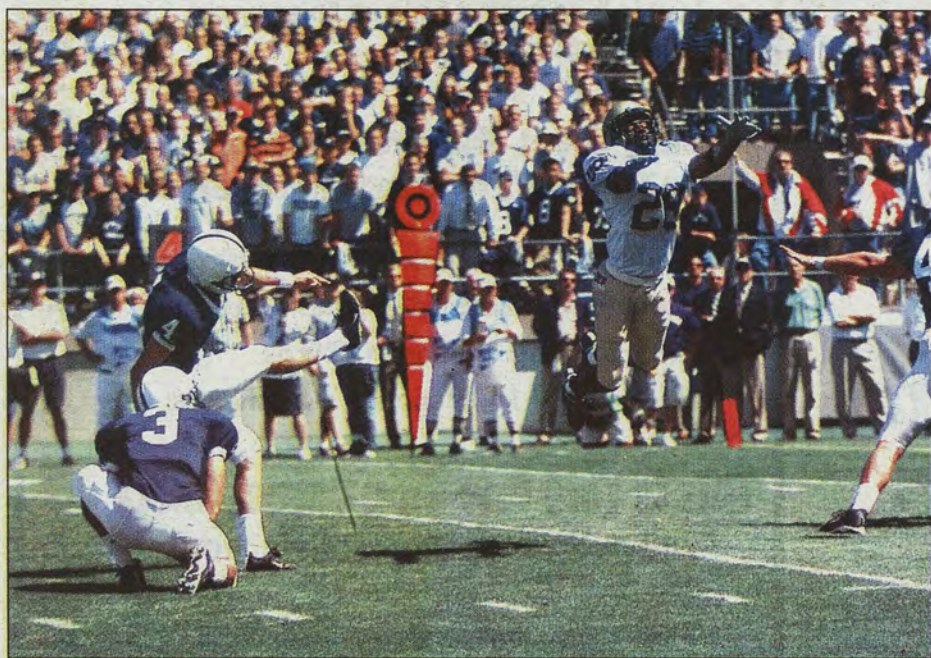




## Off-week gives Knights a chance to heal



Quarterback Ryan Schneider, who left the Arizona State game with bruised ribs, began practicing again Thursday. He is expected to play Friday against Marshall.



## Miller joins list of spider-bite victims

CHRIS BERNHARDT  
STAFF WRITER

Maybe UCF should change its name to the Spiders. With the number of players that have fallen victim to spider bites in the past few weeks, it would be fitting.

Those spiders, suspected to be hiding somewhere within the UCF locker room, were one of many problems the Golden Knights attempted to rectify in the off week between the Arizona State debacle and this Friday's big MAC match-up against Marshall.

UCF had one big focus for the off-week: get healthy, both mentally and

physically. From bruised ribs to bruised egos, the Golden Knights had plenty of wounds to lick.

"I think any time you lose a football game the way we lost [to Arizona State], it just kind of gets out of control. It almost takes you two or three days to just put it all in perspective on what happened," said offensive coordinator Robert McFarland.

On Monday, team leaders called a



Miller

players-only meeting to regroup and regain the team's focus. As the week's final practice concluded Thursday, it seemed that UCF was heading in the right direction. For the first time all season, not a single practice was interrupted by rain.

"We got out there for the third straight day of getting practice in, which is a rarity around here," said McFarland. "Offensively I think we're starting to learn a little bit on how to practice again."

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### VOLLEYBALL NOTEBOOK

## Knights win the classic

CRAIG BROOKS  
STAFF WRITER

The Golden Knights defeated Ole Miss to become the UCF Classic champions. After losing the first game of the match, UCF came back to win three games in a row.

The Rebels took second place in the Classic. The game scores were 22-30, 30-24, 30-19, 30-19.

Junior Leyre Santaella Sante was named the MVP of the tournament.

"I'm really happy that I won the MVP, but I think Jenny [Frank] played better in the three matches," said Sante.

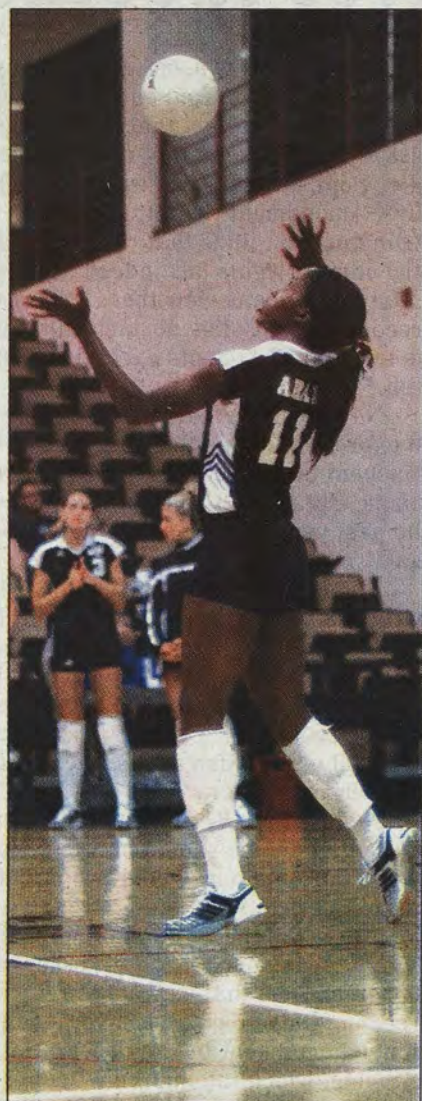
Freshman Emily Watts and junior Jenny Frank joined Sante on the all-tournament team.

### UCF falls to Montana

The UCF volleyball squad lost to Montana on Friday in the first game of the UCF Classic. Each game was close. The first game went point for point until Montana won on of a service ace (30-28).

The second game looked like a blowout for Montana until UCF made a comeback, but it was too

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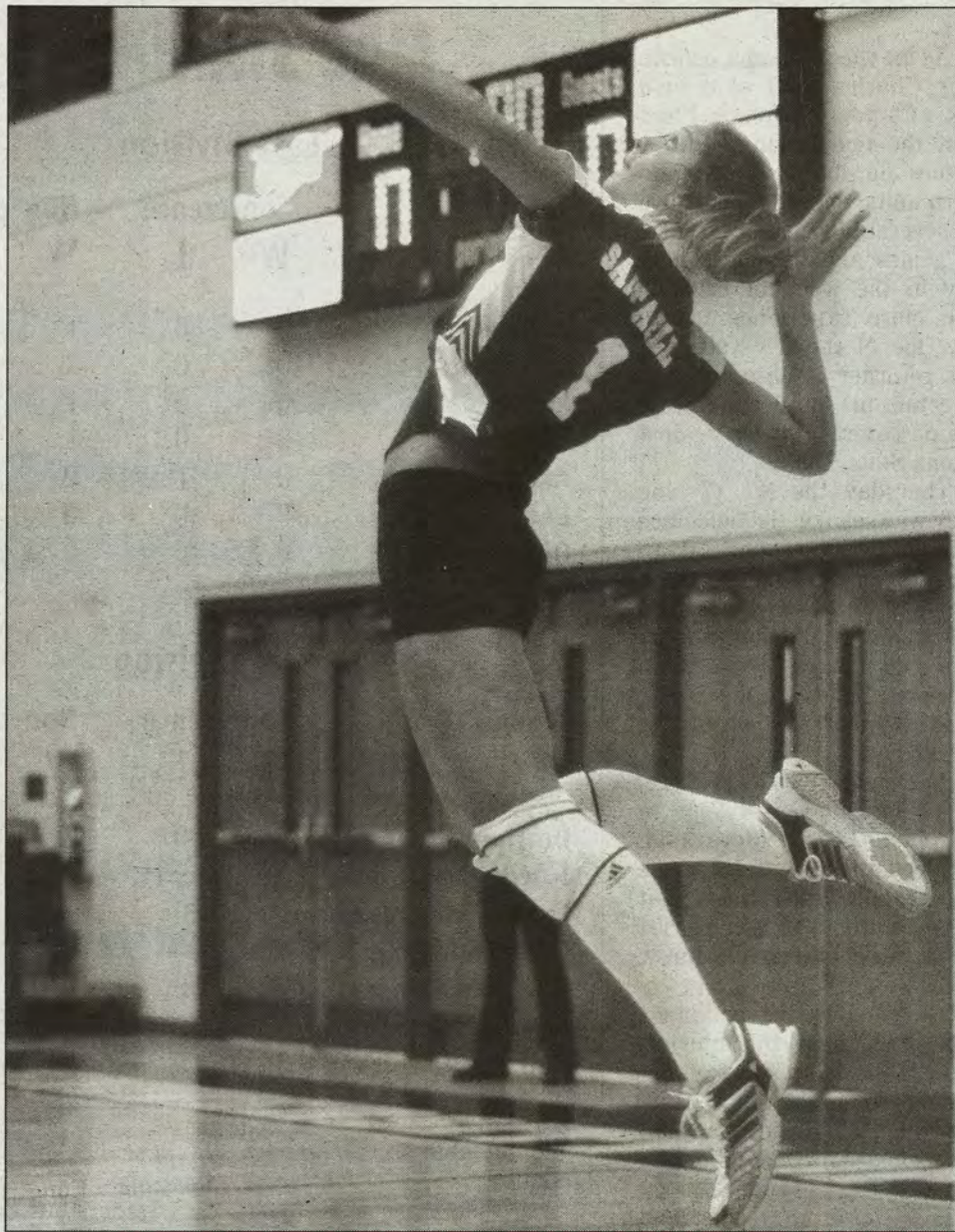
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Freshman middle blocker Chaz Arah leads UCF with 28 blocks.



# Frank reaches career plateau with 2,000 assists

Junior outside hitter Leyre Santaella Sante earned MVP honors at the UCF classic over the weekend.



JOE KALEITA / CFF

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late. UCF lost 30-24. In the third game UCF made a comeback without its kill leader Sant , and won 30-27.

"It is crucial to have confidence in our bench and very important to know that we have depth on the team," said Coach Meg Colado.

During that third game, Kristen Dell put up 8 kills with no errors while Watts led the team in kills with 13 and led in service aces with four.

"I don't really care about leading in kills," said Watts. "I care about the team."

Dell agreed that the team is more important than individual performances.

"It's great to play as a team with high intensity," she said.

In the final game of the match, UCF lost another close one, 30-28.

## Jenny Frank tops 2,000 assists

"It's for my team," Frank said after finding out that she had just surpassed the 2,000 mark for assists. "It's my job and makes me feel good to know that I can help my team."

Frank now has 2,058 assists, which places her third in UCF history. Emily Queisser is the school's all-time leader with 5,923.

**I'm really happy that I won the MVP, but I think Jenny [Frank] played better in the three matches,"**

—LEYRE SANTAELLA SANTE  
Junior Outside Hitter

## Golden Knights handle Buccaneers

Coming off of a disappointing loss Friday, the Knights easily beat Charleston Southern 3-0 (30-17, 30-20, 30-15).

Sante tied for the lead in kills with Amanda Stoutjesdyk at 12. Dell had seven kills. Jenny Frank led in assists with 35. Freshman Chaz Arah had nine kills.

"We were very consistent from the beginning. That is why we won," said Arah.

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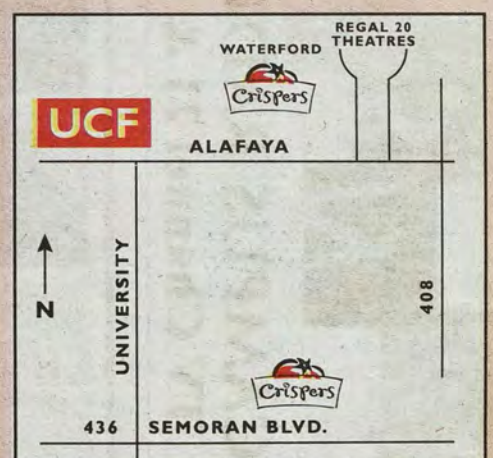
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Senior forward Amanda King received a yellow card in Friday's game.  
JOE KALEITA / CFF

# No. 15 Blue Devils snap UCF's streak

CHARVI MAGDAONG  
STAFF WRITER

GAINESVILLE — Duke snapped UCF's four-game winning streak Friday, defeating the Golden Knights 3-0 in the first game of the University of Florida's Gator Invitational. Duke is ranked 15th in the nation by Soccer America.

For the first time this season UCF goalkeeper Jessica Kuhlman allowed a ball to reach the back of the net. Duke's Carolyn Riggs was credited with two goals, with her first goal coming when UCF scored

an own goal.

Fifteen minutes later, Riggs netted her third goal of the season on an 18-yard volley off a deflection. The third goal for the Blue Devils came in the 73:19 mark of the game. Lauren Simel passed the ball to Liz Wagner, who then crossed the ball to Gwendolyn Oxenham. Six yards from the net, Oxenham put the ball behind Kuhlman.

The senior goalkeeper ended the day with nine saves, while the Golden Knights' offense produced four shots. Also during the game, Amanda King received a yellow card.

# Offensive line remains banged up

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As for special teams, coordinator Charles Huff said he'd stick with young personnel and resist the temptation to throw starters on the coverage and return units. Special teams have had several miscues in the first two games and there was talk early in the week of bringing some more experience to the unit. One of the few veterans, punt returner Asante Samuel, will retain his job despite problems on several returns against Arizona State.

Thursday, the No. 17 blue jersey was seen on the field once again. Quarterback Ryan Schneider, knocked out of the Arizona State game with bruised ribs, was involved in non-contact drills and looked better than expected. That's certainly a welcomed sight for the struggling UCF offense.

"(Schneider) walks in there, he's an instant ray of hope in that huddle," said McFarland. "He's feeling a lot better. There's still a couple little things that he'd feel a little twinge in his ribs on, but overall I thought he threw well."

The offensive line continues to be weakened by injuries. Center Mike Mabry's broken finger didn't keep him out of practice, though left tackle Brian Huff and left guard Taylor Robertson practiced sparingly, with a pinched nerve and sprained knee, respectively. Whether they'll be available for Marshall is still up in the air.

Meanwhile the defense wasn't immune from the injury bug either. Middle linebacker Chad Mascoe broke his right hand making a tackle Wednesday. The junior returned to practice Thursday with his hand in a cast and heavily wrapped. He wore a red no-contact jersey, but did participate in several drills with the first team defense and

## MAC STANDINGS

### East Division

Team	Conference		Non-conf.	
	W	L	W	L
Marshall	0	0	1	1
Kent State	0	0	2	1
Miami	0	0	1	2
Buffalo	0	0	1	2
Akron	0	1	0	2
UCF	0	0	0	2
Ohio	0	0	0	3

### West Division

Team	Conference		Non-conf.	
	W	L	W	L
Bowling Green	0	0	2	0
Toledo	0	0	1	1
Central Michigan	1	0	2	0
Western Michigan	0	0	1	2
Northern Illinois	0	0	1	2
Eastern Michigan	0	0	1	2
Ball State	0	0	1	1

should be able to go against Marshall.

And then there were those spiders. Though linebacker Chris Pilinko holds the team record for spider bites with four, the spiders seem to have a particular liking for back-up quarterbacks.

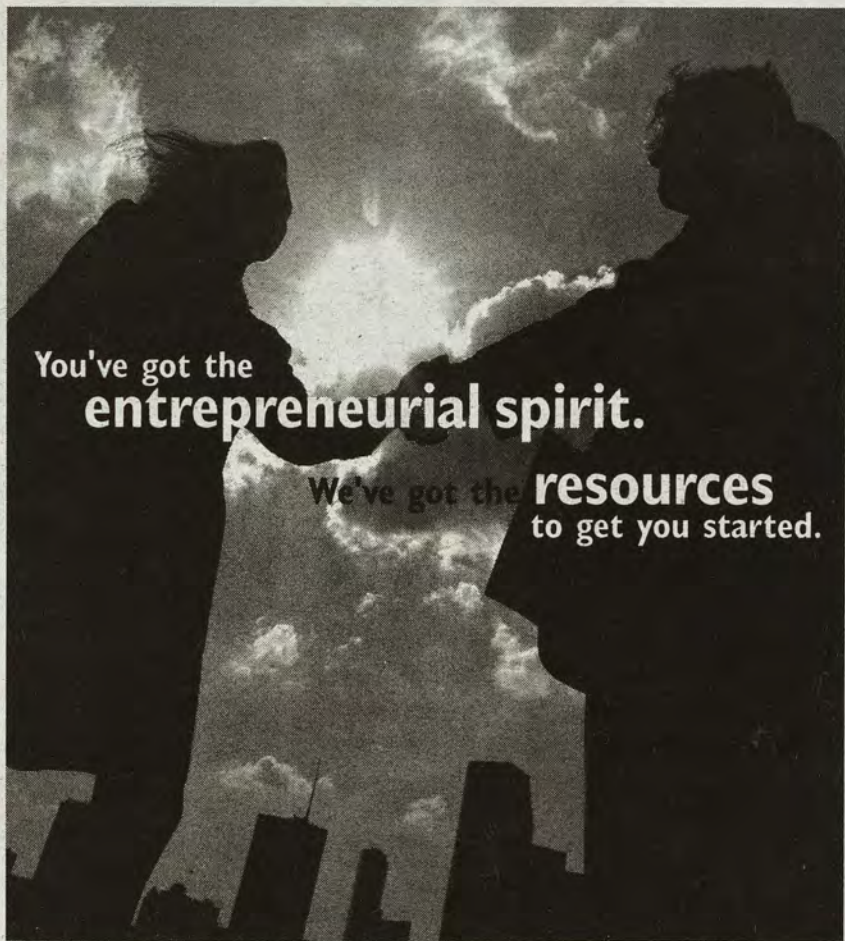
A few weeks ago freshman Brandon Sumner had elevated himself to the second string but fell back when he needed surgery on an infected spider bite. He was replaced on the depth chart by Brian Miller, who missed Thursday's practice

because he had a bite on his knee and had it lanced.

Spider bitten or not, on Sunday UCF will start a new week of practice leading up to the game at Marshall. That gives the team one more week to heal, regain confidence and call an exterminator.

"I think that (Arizona State is) finally getting out of our system. It's feeling like football and it's fun again," McFarland said. "Hopefully we'll come out here prepared Sunday to get a good week in and get ready for Marshall."

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# Donkey Punchers win intramural golf scramble



JULIE REEVES  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Making their bid to represent the USA in the next Ryder Cup, the Donkey Punchers were the overall tournament winner with a score of 59 Friday afternoon in the 4 Person Golf Scramble, which was held at Winter Springs Golf Course. The Donkey Punchers made up for their bad team name with good play, as Steve Szucs, Chris Chaffin, Mike Saylor and Brian Deese eeked by the competition.

There was a tie for second place with both Suspended and Tiger's Wood finishing with a score of 60. Hackers and Sigma Chi finished two shots back with a score of 61 to round out the tie for third. Keith Harris was the closest to the pin champion, followed by Brian Dees, Dane Meyer and Ben Elisha. The winner of the longest drive was Ken Finegar followed by Chris Chaffin.

## Flag football gets off to a fast start

The intramural flag football



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season is back in full gear, as 122 teams began their quest to win the coveted intramural championship. Week one was highlighted with some high scoring action on Monday, as This Aint P.E. took out the Oompa Loompas 35-0 and Flabby Arms knocked off Muta Lordus 34-16. Both winning teams look to be early favorites in the Monday men's recreational league.

The routs continued Tuesday in the men's recreational league as Rice 'N Crackers ran all over the Thrashers, 52-6. Dirty South pummeled the Instigators 39-6 and Knight Time grounded Air Force, 42-7. Scoring wasn't as prolific in the sorority league, as Kappa Delta, Delta Gamma, Alpha Xi Delta and Tri-Delta all shut out their opponents for

opening week victories. Alpha Xi Delta looks to get back to the finals in 2002, after winning it all two years ago. They will face Kappa Delta in a week two showdown of unbeaten teams.

Wednesday's fraternity games lived up to the hype, as teams from the gold league squared off against teams from the black league. Gold league teams, who finished in the top

six of the standings last season, historically have little trouble with their black league counterparts. Apparently nobody told Delta Upsilon that as they shook up the Greek standings with a 13-12 upset over Kappa Sigma.

The marquee match up of the day pitted Pi Kappa Pi versus Pi Kappa Alpha. Last year, Pi Kappa Phi beat the Pikes in the final game of the year to vault them into the gold league. The Pikes had revenge on their mind, and the fans came out in full force. The Pikes got out to an early lead in the game and held a 6-0 lead at halftime. Pi Kappa Phi struck back first in the second half, and held a 7-6 lead into the waning moments of the game. The Pikes' defense held firm for the rest of the game, and a late Pike TD gave them a 12-7 victory. In other Wednesday action, defending champions Sig Ep put the smack down on Phi Delta Theta, 34-12. Sigma Chi broke all kinds of offensive records in a 64-0 annihilation of TKE.

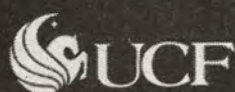
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## CENTRAL FLORIDA'S FAST AND FURIOUS



LEON TERRY / CFF

Although some students find street racing to be an adrenaline rush, others say it's safer to race at the tracks.

## Street racing a sub culture of its own

LEON TERRY  
STAFF WRITER

While most students live paycheck to paycheck, a select few choose to live their lives a quarter-mile at a time. As old as driving itself, street racing has snowballed into a subculture of its own, complete with movies, books and web-sites.

"It's a blast," said Travis Clark. "It's so much of a rush it's hard to describe."

Moki Iverandi agrees.

"There's nothing like street racing. Whenever I'm behind the wheel the world just melts away."

Some are less than thrilled with the popularity, claiming it ruins the sport.

"After 'The Fast and the Furious' came out, everybody started throwing rice wings on their '85 Civics and claiming to be a street racer ... Those idiots

completely ruin it for the rest of us," said Chris Lang, a Honda technician and electrical engineering student. "I hate it when I drive around school and see Saturns and Sunfires with wanna-be exhaust systems that are just loud. They think they're hooking up their car when they haven't done anything."

Lang said sometimes it pays to choose to buy an imported car rather than a domestic one.

"The important thing is the whole 4-cylinder, small weight/high compression to prove you don't need a 3-ton car with 800 horsepower to run 12s," said Lang. "It's a pretty big deal when an all-motor Civic can blow the pants off a Mustang 5.0."

It can also be more cost-effective to use imports.

"You can get an old car with a lot of miles on it for next to nothing. Then, get an imported motor from Japan, all for under \$8,000. For \$10,000 you can

make a car that will run 10s," said Clark. "To get something like an old Mustang up to that speed, you're looking at \$15,000 to \$17,000."

There's also the all-important look to consider.

"They do look cooler," said Iverandi. "That whole Japanese or European styling to it, while the American cars are all big and boxy ... they're just old looking."

Lang explained that it is hard to find street-racing these days.

"There's no street scene anymore. The cops are on to it. There's only people with nothing done to their cars who think they race, and they ruin it for everyone," said Lang.

Clark agrees. He said it's easier and safer to race at the tracks.

Clark and Iverandi are members of the national street-racing club DSM. For more information visit [www.DSM.org](http://www.DSM.org).

## EKCEL helps students excel

ALEXIS GRAHAM  
STAFF WRITER

EKCEL is in its first year on campus and stands for Every Knight Can Excel in Leadership. It is a leadership development program designed for all students.

EKCEL is a comprehensive leadership program that offers UCF students the opportunity to explore all aspects of leadership. EKCEL meets with students or groups at their own level and helps them work toward goals at their own pace.

EKCEL has three levels: Emerging Knights; Mentoring Knights, who assist the Emerging Knights; and Consulting Knights, who consult with other groups and organizations on a wide range of subjects.

Aaron Clevenger, the graduate assistant for the program, feels that each student will find a benefit. He said he hopes that students "feel comfortable in leadership styles and find a role in the UCF community to be leaders."

In finding leadership roles, students will participate in "workshops and leadership workshops, which the Consulting Knights teach," said Clevenger.

The EKCEL program offers students a wide range of workshops to help with leadership and communication skills. Workshop topics include stress, time

PLEASE SEE *Members* ON 21

## RESTAURANT REVIEW

## No quiero Taco Bell

KELLY O'CONNOR  
STAFF WRITER

Located across the street from UCF in the University Shoppes is El Cerro. El Cerro is an authentic Mexican restaurant serving large portions for a price that could easily fit into a college student's budget.

The atmosphere in El Cerro will undoubtedly make you have to fight the urge to break out in dance salsa-style. But before you have the chance to do so, you will be promptly greeted and seated by their courteous staff.

Once seated, you are given fresh chips and salsa and for an added bonus, there are free refills.

The booths and tables are so comfortable you won't ever want to leave.

Neon lights give off a certain glow once you have had too many drinks. For those of age, El Cerro offers a wide variety of imported beer such as Dos Equis, Corona, Heineken and Negra Modelo.

As far as margaritas are concerned, you can order an individual, jumbo or pitcher for the whole table.

"One margarita is enough," said Brooke Herron, a junior communications major. And for those who are still not legal, they offer every Coca-Cola product under the sun.

The menu features so many items

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# GET INVOLVED!



## The Office of Student Activities at UCF

### Upcoming Events

#### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

1 pm: Homecoming volunteer meeting, Student Union Garden Key Ballroom, Rm. 221. All students and clubs welcome.

#### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

3 pm: Homecoming 101, Organizational meeting. Not involved in a club or organization? Want to participate in Homecoming festivities? Come to the Homecoming organizational meeting, SU Rm. 221A. For questions email UCFHomecomingPR@hotmail.com or call the Office of Student Activities at (407) 823 - 6471.

3:30 pm - 5 pm VUCF Downtown Boys and Girls Club. Car pool from Millican Hall at 3 pm.

#### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

11 am - 3 pm VUCF Interest Table, SU South Patio

12 pm - 2 pm Campus Activities Board "Table of Activities," Student Union South Patio

#### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

8 pm - 12 am CAB Thursday Knight Jive - Open Mic Poetry, Knights Crossing, Phase 3 Clubhouse

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

10:30 am - 1:30 pm VUCF Bingo at Life Care Center. Car pool in front of Millican Hall at 9:30 am.

#### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Homecoming King and Queen applications due in OSA office by 5 pm

#### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

8 pm Tuesday Knight Live Comedian, Louis Ramey, Wackadoo's, SU

#### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

11 am - 2 pm VUCF Green Ribbon Day, SU South Patio

12 pm - 2 pm CAB Caribbean Festival, SU South Patio

12 pm - 2 pm Campus Activities Board "Table of Activities," TieDye - Bring your own shirt, SU South Patio

7:30 pm "Say it Right, Hear it Right" Communication Workshop by EKCEL, SU Cape Florida Ballroom

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

3pm - 1am Freshman Frenzy, SU

10 pm - 2 am Late Knights, SU

### EKCEL Workshop - "Say It Right Hear It Right"

September 25, 7:30 pm, SU Cape Florida Ballroom

Using games and fun we will go over how to communicate effectively with those around you. Learn how to get your point across in any situation so that others will hear what you are really saying - and vice versa. You will leave this session understanding what you are really saying when you speak to others.

### Late Knights

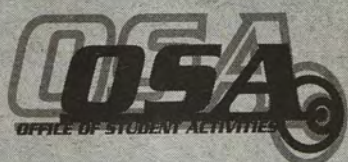
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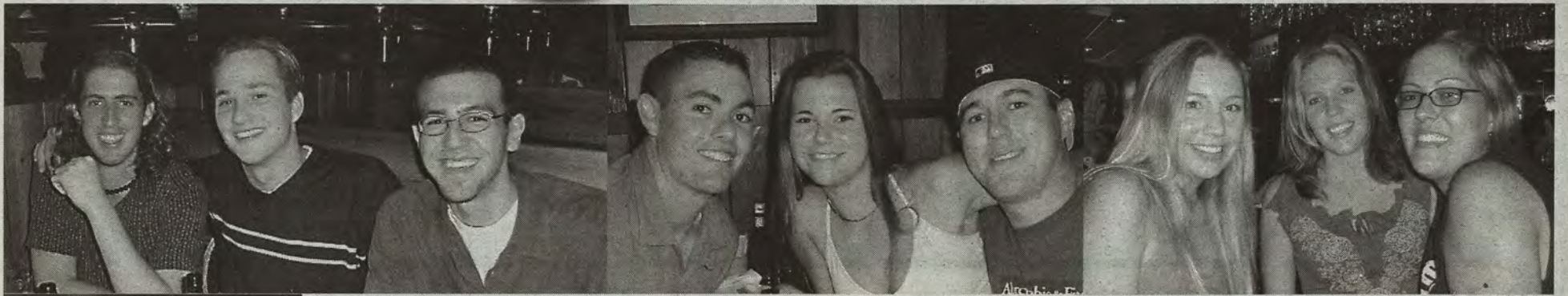


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# Members are diverse

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management, presentation skills, leadership in sports, introduction to relationships and diversity. The program also offers socials to practice your newly learned skills.

Audra Nuru, a freshman in Emerging Knights, has found the program to be beneficial already. She participated in a time-management workshop.

"I learned how to use time-management skills in everyday life. From dealing with homework to planning projects," she said. "It's a great way to meet people. You are taught skills that can be used in class."

The importance of leadership and communications skills is becoming more evident in the professional environment. Emily Kukulies, the assistant director of the program, feels that this is a benefit to everyone.

"We all use leadership everyday. The ability to recognize and use leadership is important in business and personal life," she said.

Kukulies said the program workshops can help students in real-world events.

"When you are in a traffic accident, and you have to deal with a rude or angered person, you can use what you learned in the workshop on how to deal with difficult people," she said.

One fact often stressed is that EKCEL is open to every student on the campus and therefore, it has a diverse crowd.

"EKCEL offers any student the chance to be involved in leadership

at any level, whether you are a beginner or experienced. Everyone can join. It is the easiest organization to get involved in. We have four students in the program that are over 30," said Kukulies.

While EKCEL is in the beginning stages, there are plans for expansion. EKCEL leaders want to incorporate more people, community leaders, nontraditional students and community college students.

Kukulies is proud of the growth of the program.

"I am proud to be a part of it. I am proud of the students in their success in bringing together so many people," she said.

The program currently has more than 250 students participating.

Courtney Woodling, assistant director of the level one Emerging Knights, is also proud.

"It is an up-and-coming program that is going to lead many students to personal success," she said. "I think it's important because you build invaluable leadership skills that have real world application and it's a great opportunity to learn about yourself."

Upcoming events for EKCEL include the "Say It Right, Hear it Right" communication workshop at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 25 in the Student Union's Cape Florida ballroom. It will provide information on how to communicate effectively with those around you.

For more information, the EKCEL office is located in the Student Union, room 208. Or visit <http://osa.ucf.edu/ekcel>.



KATIE FLATH / CFF

El Cerro is a better alternative to fast-food Mexican, and won't break a student budget.

## Restaurant offers large portions

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you will have a tough time sticking to just one choice. Also, one portion is large enough to feed two people.

El Cerro's extensive menu features lunch specials — all for under \$5.50 — such as taco salad, chimichangas, taquitos and fajitas.

"When we come in for lunch the service is excellent, the servers remember our faces and our orders," said one satisfied customer.

For dinner, if you have a more hearty appetite there are combinations including items such as tacos, enchiladas, chicken quesadillas, burritos, tamales and chile rellenos. El Cerro also serves individual

steak, chicken, shrimp and enchilada dishes.

For vegetarians, El Cerro has many options as well.

"I eat here at least five times a week because the food is good and the vegetarian selection is a plus," said Gil Barrett, an engineering grad student.

"I plan on starting some happy hour specials to bring in more UCF students," said Joe Salazar, an employee.

If you are looking for a genuinely tasty and inexpensive Mexican meal, pass by Taco Bell and head straight to El Cerro. It is open 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-10:30 p.m. Friday, 12 p.m.-10 p.m. Saturday and 12 p.m.-9 p.m. Sunday. In the end, the only question left to ask is why haven't you been there already?

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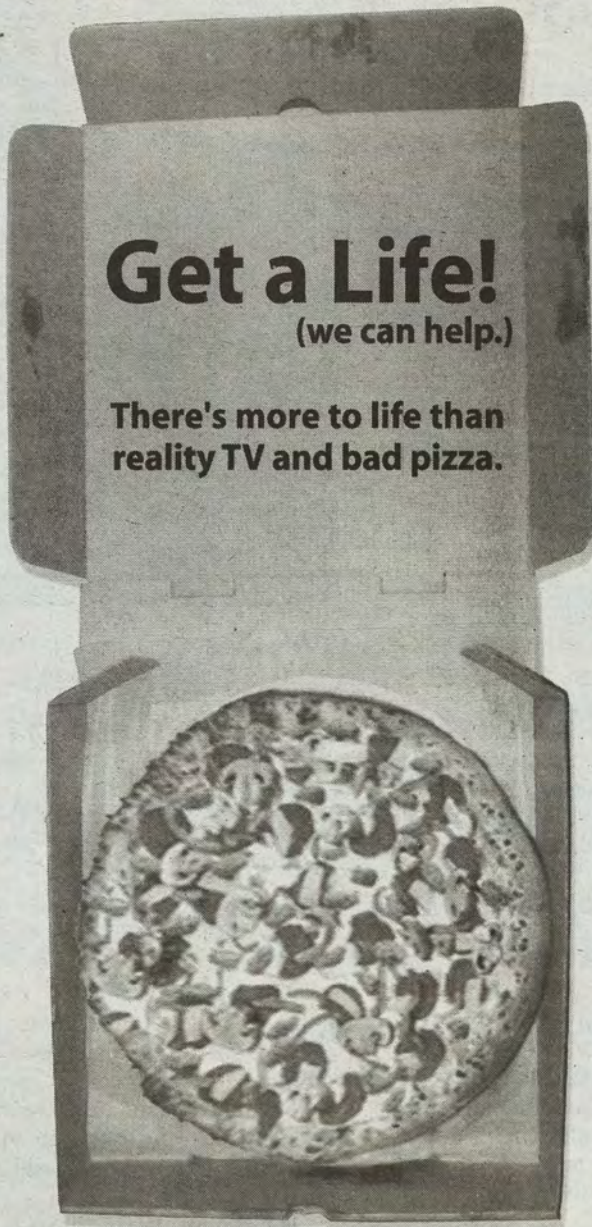


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# Author Dave Eggers now embracing publishing industry

PAUL D. COLFORD  
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

Many who read Dave Eggers' "A Heartbreaking Work of Staggering Genius" held the memoir close to their hearts, while the contrarian writer worked hard to put the publishing industry at a distance.

But as Eggers' prepares to self-publish his first novel next month — printing it in Iceland and selling it through the website of his literary journal, McSweeney's — he's unexpectedly turned to an industry power for help.

Eggers, who dismissed the agent he'd hired for his best-selling memoir, now has influential literary rep Andrew Wylie in his corner. Wylie's clients include Philip Roth, Salman Rushdie, Martin Amis and *The New York Times*.

According to McSweeney's president Barb Bersche, Wylie was originally retained to sell foreign rights for a literary compilation novelist Michael Chabon is editing for the journal. It will benefit youth literacy programs in San Francisco in which Eggers, 32, has been especially active.

Wylie also has represented Eggers' new novel, "You

Shall Know Our Velocity," in foreign markets, Bersche said.

"Dave and McSweeney's have no domestic representation, but needed help abroad, considering we have a staff of only three," she added.

Answering readers' questions on mcsweeneys.net, Eggers said Chabon's compilation of "genre stories — crime, ghost stories, science fiction, westerns" — will be p u b -

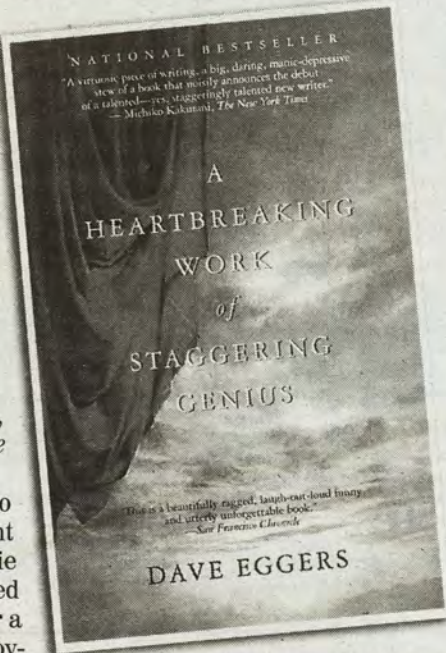


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Later, Random House's Vintage imprint will reprint the collection in paperback for U.S. readers.

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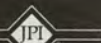
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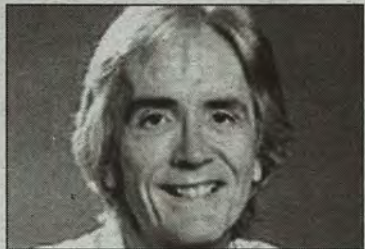
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# Chuck Shepherd's News of the Weird



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### Our civilization in decline

Coca-Cola and Pepsi signs were painted on many rocks on a 35-mile stretch in the picturesque Manali-Rohatang area of the Himalayan mountains in India; the India Supreme Court took supervision of the cleanup in August. And Vancouver (Wash.) Mazda-Dodge agreed to make restitution to settle charges that it sold a string of 18 new cars (in 14 months) to a 70-year-old, mentally impaired man (August). And California's program to encourage mothers to turn in unwanted babies to hospitals has drawn widespread praise, except from Waste Management Inc., which objects to the state's signs on its Dumpsters ("If we (have to tell people) not to throw babies in Dumpsters, (we) have reached the lowest point we can get to as a society") (August).

### Vacationers just beggin' for it

A 34-year-old woman from Texas

was attacked by three lions in a pen at a game park in South Africa after she started petting one of them (Pietersburg, June). And a 30-year-old woman from Texas was critically injured by a car as she stood on the shoulder of Los Angeles' Hollywood Freeway to snap a photo of the "Hollywood" sign (June). And a 40-year-old man from Georgia, who had locked himself out of a 10th-floor, Alabama-beach condo, decided that shimmying down from the 14th-floor roof was faster than asking security guards for help, but fell 200 feet into the 4-foot-deep swimming pool, breaking three ribs (Orange Beach, July).

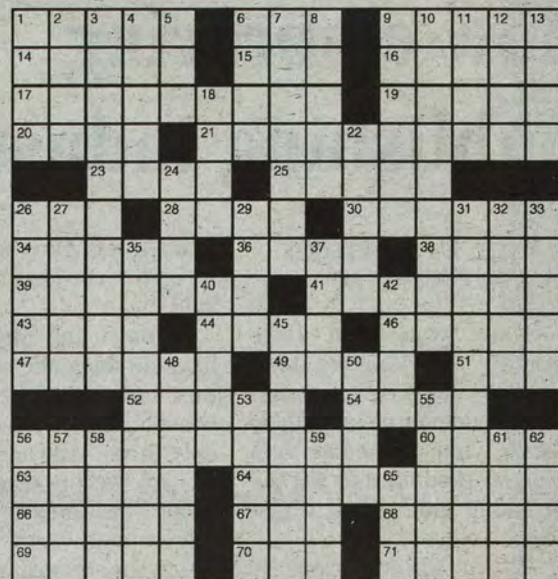
### Great art!

The performance "XXX" by the Spanish theater group La Fura dels Baus opened in May in the small town of Lorca, Spain, the only venue available because the play's rawness continues to keep it out of mainstream European theaters. Its nude, sexually acrobatic troupe performs a work by Marquis de Sade ending in a woman's staging the rape and mutilation of her mother as punishment for having sheltered the daughter's life (about which one actor said, "(W)e have achieved something essential, which is to leave nobody indifferent"). The show opens with a nude woman picking up a pen between her buttocks cheeks and scrawling (in Spanish) "A better world is possible" while squatting over a video projector.

## Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Islamic destination
  - 6 Orbiting loc.
  - 9 German autos
  - 14 System of moral values
  - 15 Boring routine
  - 16 Rascal
  - 17 Neighbor of Mexico
  - 19 Archipelago member
  - 20 Father
  - 21 Frailty
  - 23 Rocker Billy
  - 25 Caribbean island
  - 26 Badinage
  - 28 Obligation
  - 30 Scandinavian
  - 34 Gem State
  - 36 Perform again
  - 38 Olin or Horne
  - 39 Country settled by freed slaves
  - 41 Groups of nine
  - 43 Pop
  - 44 Brief periods
  - 46 Rock guitarist Van Halen
  - 47 Sicilian code of silence
  - 49 Employ
  - 51 Deposit
  - 52 Small crown
  - 54 Lazily
  - 56 Heads off
  - 60 Mountain in Thessaly
  - 63 Hotelier Helmsley
  - 64 Rushing at full speed
  - 66 Took on cargo
  - 67 Had a bite
  - 68 Golfer Palmer
  - 69 Josiah's porcelain
  - 70 Type of chart
  - 71 Puts one's feet up
- ### DOWN
- 1 Tilly and Ryan
  - 2 Needle case
  - 3 Generous to the needy
  - 4 Quoted
  - 5 Best pitcher
  - 6 Modern Persia
  - 7 Certain chemical compound
  - 8 One of a flight
  - 9 With hands on hips
  - 10 Disentangled
  - 11 Roy's partner
  - 12 Currier's partner
  - 13 Fixes in position
  - 18 Unit of distance
  - 22 Talk and talk
  - 24 Smell
  - 26 Response to "roger"
  - 27 Specialized vocabulary
  - 29 Hillside by a loch
  - 31 Pride, anger, sloth, etc.
  - 32 Type of ink
  - 33 Man at the bat
  - 35 Encouraged
  - 37 Bandleader Arnaz
  - 40 Asimov or Newton
  - 42 Requirement
  - 45 Indian bread
  - 48 Diatribe
  - 50 Face the day
  - 53 Sum up
  - 55 "The Maltese Falcon" co-star
  - 56 Ailments
  - 57 Tide type
  - 58 Commotion
  - 59 Oak or maple
  - 61 Tizzy
  - 62 Gets older
  - 65 Corn serving



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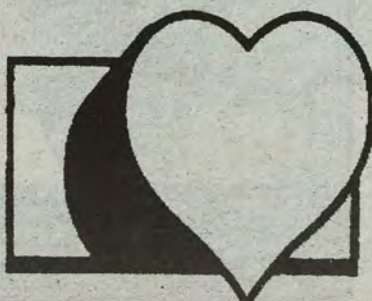
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# Quick, easy ideas on a student budget

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### Student Style Chicken Salad

#### Ingredients

- 1 large can of shredded chicken (tuna can also be substituted)
- 1 stalk of scallion
- 1 stalk of celery
- 1 dill pickle
- 2 table spoons mayonnaise (or to taste)

#### Instructions

- Drain chicken water from the can. Empty the chicken into a medium size bowl.
- Chop scallions, celery and pickle up very fine.
- Add mayonnaise and mix.
- This is excellent with crackers, on a sandwich or alone.
- Optional; add tomato slices for flavor.
- Makes 2 to 3 servings.



Student Style Chicken Salad is an easy and tasty dish.

DONNA T. SCHUMAN / CFF

### Brazilian Dessert Coffee

#### Ingredients

- \*Each coffee drink is made individually in a 12 - 14 oz. mug.
- 1 brewed pot of coffee (cup amount depends on the number of servings being made)
- 1 scoop of vanilla, chocolate or coffee ice cream
- 1 packet of hot chocolate
- Whipped cream
- Cinnamon sugar

#### Instructions

- Pour the contents of the hot chocolate package, ice cream and coffee into the mug.
- NOTE: Leave 1 inch of space at the top of the mug, the contents will expand.
- Microwave for one minute.
- Stir contents of the mug (be careful, it's hot).
- Add whipped cream and cinnamon to the top.
- (Chocolate powder or syrup can be substituted for the cinnamon).
- This is an excellent alternative to dessert and plain coffee!

## For fall, fashions feature plush fabrics, lots of color

HOLLY HANSON  
KNIGHT RIDDER

Banana Republic touts the need for pinstriped pants and a ladylike coat. Neiman Marcus spotlights boots and denim. Lord & Taylor stresses the importance of fringe and paisley.

Marshall Field's gives the nod to a look it dubs New Romantic, while Vogue devotes the 750 pages of its September issue to "all-out glamour."

Seeing all of this, you might naturally conclude that fall fashion is all over the map, with no consistent trends, no clear direction and no common theme.

And you'd be right. Cool, isn't it?

The days when the fashion industry stuck to one rule-bound look per season are long gone. Now, stores are filling up with a variety of patterned, beaded, fringed, embroidered, hand-made garments and accessories, giving every indication that fall will be a feast of personal style for both men and women.

Perhaps the most striking element of fall fashion is the overwhelming presence of plush fabrics. On the budget end of things, there's corduroy, which shows up in everything from weathered-looking jeans to finely tailored jackets and coats.

"Corduroy jackets, corduroy suiting, corduroy trench coats, corduroy pea coats," says Gregg Andrews, fashion director for Nordstrom's eastern region. "We'll see it everywhere."

Cozy knits and sweaters also offer across-the-board appeal. For men, fine-gauge knit shirts and lightweight sweaters are beginning to replace the polo shirt.

For women, sweaters take

on some of the girlish details that emerged as a popular trend for spring. That could be a sleeve with smocking, a neckline edged in ruffles or a line of embroidery tracing the hem.

Some retailers found the selection so inviting that they couldn't resist. And color was often the definitive attraction.

"It looks like an impressionist painting in here," says Lynn Portnoy, whose Lynn Portnoy boutique in Southfield, Mich., outside Detroit, is awash in colorful knitwear. "Light lavender to deep purple, yellow from pale to goldenrod, oranges and reds, every tone from jewel to pastel. I think it's refreshing to see something happy and pretty."

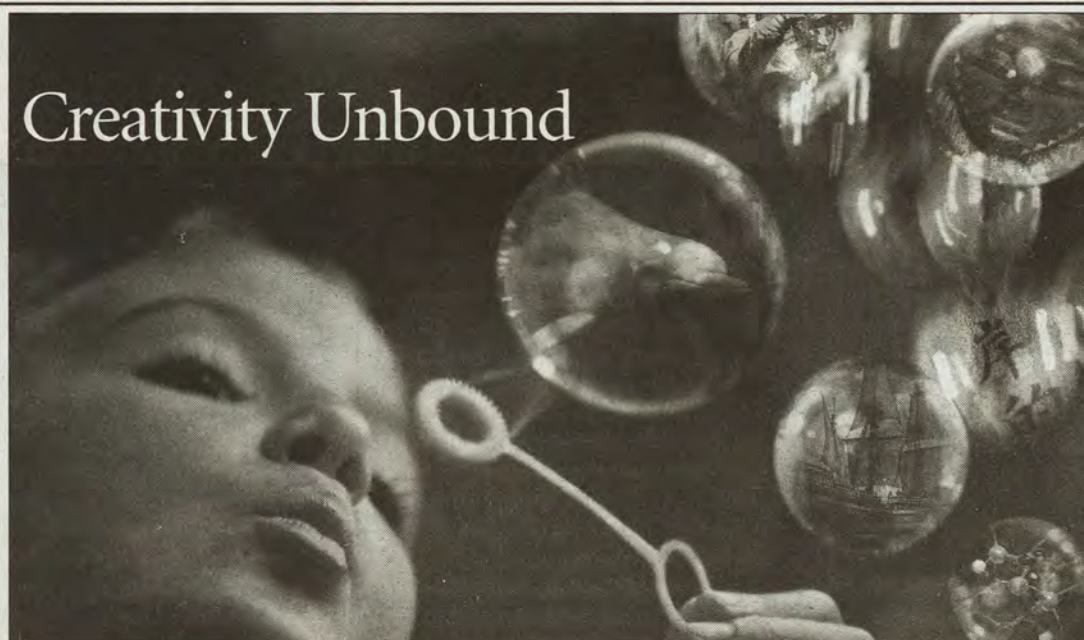
Color is making a return to menswear as well, joining familiar staples such as navy, black and gray. Rich reds and burnished browns are key accent colors.

The leather jacket makes a strong showing for both men and women, in versions suitable for indoor and outdoor wear. The woman's jacket might be sleek and fitted, done in textured leather with zipper accents. The man's jacket might be a blazer, in classic black or honey brown.

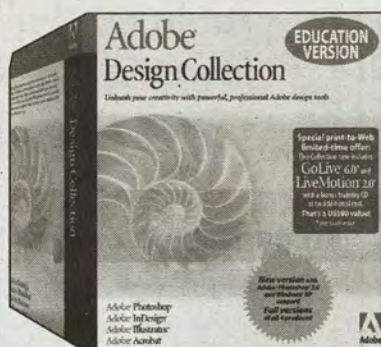
Such garments can be pricey, but fashion-conscious shoppers are eager to invest in pieces with a special look. At the same time, retailers say, they're also looking for quality and fine workmanship.

"If someone's going to spend any kind of money, they want to be sure there's value attached to it," says Randy Flower, general manager of the Boss Hugo Boss men's store at Somerset Collection South in Troy, Mich. "And when they see it, they're willing to pay the premium."

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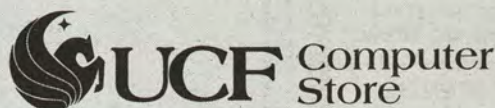


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## FROM CAMPUS TO CORPORATE

### Before the job fair

- Attend a résumé and a job search workshop offered by the Career Resource Center.
- Check the CRC web site for participating companies and research those you might be interested in.
- Proof your résumé and make copies on quality bond paper for distribution at the job fair.
- Prepare a three minute presentation on yourself and practice it out loud.
- Prepare questions to ask.
- Be prepared to answer questions.
- Dress in business attire.

### At the job fair

- Enthusiastically introduce yourself to

employers.

- Ask some of the following questions of employers:
  - What types of career opportunities are available?
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- How many employees do you have?
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- Will I have the opportunity to work on special projects?
- Give employers your résumé.
- Ask for a business card
- Thank the employer for their time.

### After the job fair

- Debrief yourself. Make notes (names,

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Employers look for many different things when hiring new employees. Some include teamwork, oral communication and computer skills.

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addresses, phone numbers, impressions).

- Mail thank you cards and/or letters.
- Mail cover letter and résumé reiterating your interest in the company.
- Be patient.
- Plan a follow up strategy if you do not hear back from them.

Job fairs are exciting and can be fun. The open air market atmosphere produces a relaxed environment where you can interact with employers and sharpen your interviewing skills without the anxiety associated with the closed door, one-on-one formal interview. For candidates who know how to "work" them, job fairs can be extremely beneficial; and in today's super-competitive job-market, there is no more efficient way to promote your availability to employers.

Where else can you find such a concentration of potential employers in one place? Where else can you interact with hiring officials and company executives, identify available opportunities, collect company literature and business cards for future networking and possibly get a lead, application or an invitation for an interview? These events are good not only for the job seeker, but also for the employer. Where else can they see such a concentration of potential candidates in one place?

It is essential that you study the job market. Having an understanding of your field of interest can help you in approaching a job fair table even if you know nothing about that employer except the fact that they have a function for which you are qualified and are interested in performing.

As an example, if you are pursuing a career in retail management you should approach all employers at the fair that are in that field. In the 30 or so seconds that you have to make a positive and lasting first impression, approach with a firm handshake and introduce yourself. Demonstrate your enthusiasm through a quick, convincing, one-sentence statement about your intent to pursue a career in

retail management and your desire to learn more about company X's management training program.

You have to be able to hit the right button with that representative, very quickly, convincing them that you can be useful to the company. Now is when you present your résumé with a smooth, confident motion.

Compare this approach to "What do you have to offer me?," which is what most job fair attendees say. Imagine if you will for a moment that you are an employer at a job fair lasting about six hours. Anywhere from 300 to 1,000 job candidates could stop at your display. That's about 50 to 150 per hour! Some candidates will demonstrate their initiative, job experience, training, enthusiasm, confidence and job search preparedness; however, others will present themselves passively and be guaranteed instant failure.

Listen very carefully to what the recruiter says, whether there is hope for further discussion and how you can follow-up. Now is the time to pick up their literature - annual reports, brochures, etc. Being prepared is the key to getting the most out of a job fair.

Let's assume that you know all about dressing for success. Remember you may have only 30 seconds to make your case. Imagine how important that first impression must be to the employer. If we are talking non-technical fields here, the employer has to assess the personalities and obvious strengths of potential candidates.

Your résumé will be your strongest and most useful tool at the job fair. Prepare a crisp and eye catching, one-page résumé that starts with a well defined career objective. Make sure that you establish a firm linkage between your goals and your experiences. Your résumé must reflect your excellent communication skills as well as your attention to details - no typos, misspellings or bad grammar.

It is up to you to get what you want out of a job fair. If you want it to be more than just wandering from table to table with empty handshakes, you better plan a strategy and be prepared.

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## A letter from the director

Dear Student,

The University of Central Florida Career Resource Center is pleased to host the upcoming 2002 Fall Career Expo! On behalf of the staff at the Career Resource Center, I'd like to encourage you to attend this important event. Over 120 companies interested in recruiting UCF students will be available to discuss full-time career opportunities. Many of these companies also sponsor internship opportunities. This is a "must attend" event for college seniors and graduate students who are graduating between now and May. For other students, this event provides a unique opportunity to explore various career options, to find information about many of the top U.S. corporations, and to network with recruiting professionals.

We would also like you to stop by the Career Resource Center to visit us via the Internet at [www.crc.ucf.edu](http://www.crc.ucf.edu) where we can help you with a full-range of career planning, internship, and employment search services. From first-year students generating career options tailored to their strengths and preferences; to sophomores researching and narrowing their career plans; to juniors seeking career related experience; to seniors and graduate students preparing for and implementing their employment searches; career specialists can provide targeted strategies for success.

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The Career Resource Center is located in the Student Resource Center and is open from 8A.M. to 5P.M. Monday through Friday. We look forward to helping you jump-start your career.



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# Planning for the first interview

MARCIA MEJIA  
STAFF WRITER

Sure you've been on job interviews—like the interview for your first part-time or summer position at the mall or café. No sweat. All you were asked was your name, availability schedule and when you could start.

But interviews for college internships and professional positions for graduating seniors are a whole different ball game.

Your résumés have generated responses from potential employers wanting to meet with you for a chat—casual business lingo for interview—what now?

If you didn't learn it during high school and it still didn't grasp the concept during college, know it before getting your first job: planning is everything.

First, individualize each interview. Identify the requirements of each position you're interviewing for and get into the mindset of how your experience, skills, education and ambition will fit in.

Second, do your homework. Research as much as you can about the company, including visiting its web site, scanning for articles written about it and asking questions from people you know who work or have worked for your potential employer. Checking with professors for additional information is also an excellent source. Professors usually have relationships with several companies who contact them for recruitment or hear back from former students about their experiences with certain companies.

Third, plan your attire. The rule of thumb is to dress one or two steps above



Formal interviews are one of many steps taken in obtaining a job.

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what you would wear to work. Therefore, interview attire can vary between a public relations position with a law firm and the same position with a radio station. Remember that your attire should compliment your professionalism and nothing should distract from that: earrings, loud ties or strong perfumes and colognes.

Fourth, know who and where. If possible, find out who will be interviewing you or who will host it. This allows you to directly ask for a particular individual than just, "I'm here for an interview." To lessen potential problems, visit the office beforehand. This will help you solve prob-

lems with temporary road problems or even knowing where to park.

Last, but definitely not least, is to practice. Be prepared to answer and ask questions. Sure-fire questions should relate to your educational background, experience, specific knowledge relating to the position and salary. Here are five general questions you should practice before the interview:

Could you tell me about yourself? Keep the answer related to your position requirements and don't ramble on. Talk about your educational and work background, career goals and how the company would help you achieve career suc-

cess.

Why do you want to work here? This is where the research comes in. Tell about what you admire about the company—throw in product knowledge, size, reputation, image and mission—and how you would like to start your career and grow with it. This is also a perfect break to make friendly conversation by asking questions yourself.

Why are you leaving your current position? This question probably won't be asked to students since this will most likely be their first professional occupation. But, if you are currently working, don't point fingers at the company. Instead, point at yourself—"I'm looking for a place with more advancement opportunities, like this company could provide me"—or give a "group" answer if possible—"The department I worked for was re-organized or eliminated."

Could you tell me about a moment that you went beyond your call of duty? It might seem like bragging, but be able to take credit professionally. Helping out classmates or working several hours on a particular school activity related to your major for the benefit of other students are appropriate responses.

What is the salary you expect if we offer you this position? Although you will most likely be an entry-level professional, give a salary range that leaves room for negotiation. The range will depend on the market value of the position—the higher the market value, the larger the range.

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# Don't forget to say thanks

MARCIA MEJIA  
STAFF WRITER

After planning for an interview by individualizing it, researching information about your potential employer, planning your attire, getting names and directions and practicing interview questions, you probably think you're ready to strike a homerun with your interviewer. But here are some more pointers you should consider during and after the interview.

Actions speak louder than words. Interviews sometimes fail because of the lack of positive body communication—and you might not realize it. The interviewer most likely has your résumé before the interview and called you in because you are qualified. Now the test is whether you have the personality for the position—and body language is a powerful way to prove that you have it.

Eye contact is one of the most important ways to make an excellent, nonverbal, first impression. It's an assurance to the interviewer that you're a good listener. But good eye contact is not just for listening. Apply it when speaking, which indicates a strong confidence and sincerity level.

Some interviewees give off a negative vibe with facial expressions of confusion, too much seriousness or just the opposite—too cheerful. The key here is sincerity and appropriateness. When listening intensely, don't scrunch your eyebrows or forehead, but maintain a sincere, attentive and pleasant look. On the other hand, constantly putting on a Kool-Aid grin will appear exaggerated. Try a genuine smile that indicates your appreciation for the opportunity.

Posture is a strong indicator of confidence, enthusiasm and power. Keep your back straight, shoulders back and head up. Ladies, don't give a wrong message by crossing your legs if you're wearing skirts that end above the knees or long skirts with long slits. In this case, keep your knees together and cross your ankles. Men should keep their feet and knees within one and two feet of distance between each other.

If your interview success makes it to third base, go for a homerun by closing the interview well. Thank the interviewer again for the opportunity, exchange business cards and offer a strong handshake. If the interviewer introduced you to people who are influential with hiring decisions or people whom you'd be working for or with, ask if you could say good-bye

to them also. Remind the interviewer how much you want the position and of the times and ways that you can be reached—by phone, e-mail, etc. A good closer is: "When will I hear from you?"

If you were asked to bring more documentation, such as a salary proposal, give the interviewer a specific time frame and date you will come back with it. If you can, bring it back in person and don't miss the deadline you set.

Send out a thank-you card as soon as possible.

Don't become discouraged if you don't hear from the company after a few days. The employers may be meeting other candidates, but a follow-up phone call one or two weeks afterward will remind the interviewer of how well the interview went and how persistent you are.

Interviewing is a draining, tiresome and sometimes a drawn-out process. Don't fall into a depression if you don't get a response quickly. Continue your follow-up calls or visits and keep a positive mindset.

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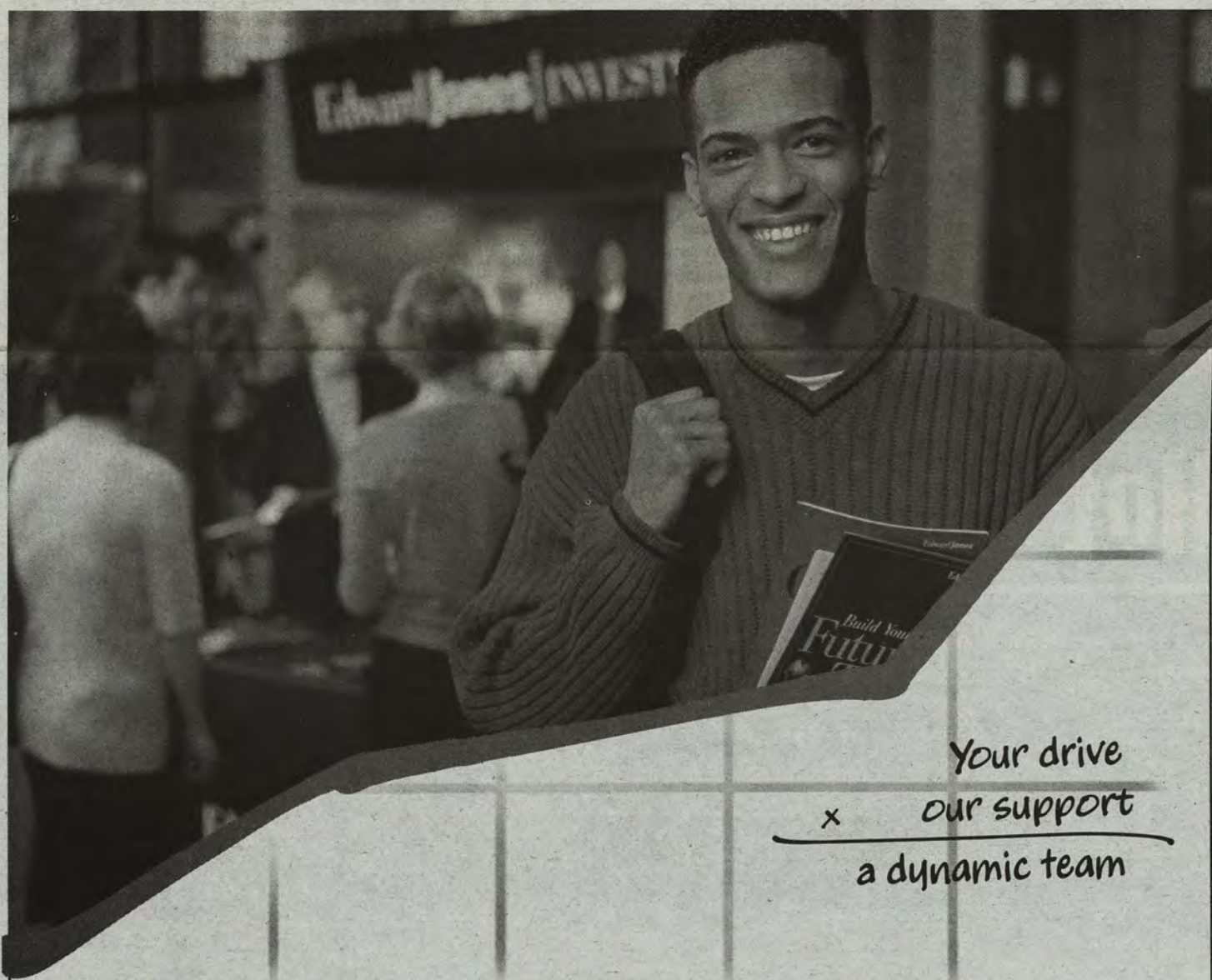
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# Salary.com shows job-seekers how much they are really worth

*Web site compares salaries and skills needed in cities across the nation*

PADRA SANCHEZ  
STAFF WRITER

When asked what one of the major motivations was in deciding on a career, students most often said salary. The issues of salary and benefits will always be pertinent factors in the job pursuit. But where should students turn to satisfy their job-related inquiries?

In only its second year and already one of the top 10 career sites, Salary.com is providing compensation information to researchers nationwide. It helps users locate career opportunities on many job boards, management sites and recruiters. The Salary Wizard, a tool unique to the job portal, allows users to view a range of high, medium and low salaries for thousands of job titles.

According to Johanna Schlegel, Director of Communications and Public Relations, the Salary Wizard is available through a vast syndication network of more than 300 sites, including all of the top career sites. In three simple steps, users can research a job's market value then print or email the results for future reference. They will also find a list of the most current job open-

ings relevant to their search. Comparing present salaries with the salary norms in a specific market is used to inform individuals on what a job should actually pay. With this, professionals are able to negotiate with managers on agreeable compensation. Salary.com offers information and advice on how to do so.

At Salary.com, users select a job category, enter a location by zip code or city and then search the Salary Wizard. On the second step, the researcher will select from job titles and choose "create salary report."

A report was run on the salary of a typical veterinarian working in Orlando. The results showed a median base salary of \$59,597 per year, while half of the people working the job are expected to make between \$48,052 and \$73,116 per year.

Scrolling down, a user has the option to compare the local average to the national average of the same job. Our report showed the national median base salary of a veterinarian as \$62,340; which is \$2,743 more than an Orlando veterinarian.

If a national average seems too broad, researchers can pinpoint a specific location and compare salaries between

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cities.

Freshman Amanda Major found the site helpful in researching her career options as an education major. "The one thing people associate with teaching is low salaries, but this search actually showed that I would make a little more than I had originally been told," she said. "It also compared Florida teaching salaries to any state or city, which I thought was really neat too."

But this isn't where the site's features end. "The most

exciting new development at Salary.com is the Personal Salary Report," Schlegel said. "This premium report gives job seekers and employees high-end data plus a customized analysis of the value of their education and background."

Salary.com is visited by not only individuals, but also business managers and human resource professionals. However, students are encouraged to utilize the site's services and resources. Currently, only about seven percent of the

site's visitors are students, with another six percent searching for positions at entry level. About 11 percent are under 24 years old.

After visiting Salary.com for the first time, freshman David Dewett liked that he could find qualifications needed to get a certain position and the ability to apply for jobs online. "I would definitely reference the site again if I were looking for a job, and would recommend it to friends too," he said.



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# Start mailing out your résumés now

*Students need to start networking three to six months before graduation*

MARCIA MEJIA  
STAFF WRITER

Be proactive with regards to job hunting—not reactive, advises Melanie L. Parker, director of the UCF Career Resource Center.

According to Parker, being proactive means beginning your job hunt three to six months before graduation. This means starting toward the end of fall for spring graduates—and not starting with sending out a stack of résumés.

With several months of time, she says your search for a professional position should begin with a serious self-assessment—recognizing strengths and weaknesses, skills, interests and work values.

But the labor begins with interaction with others. Parker said, “Over 70 percent of people get jobs through three modes: networking, information interviewing and direct contact with the hiring person.”

Networking includes letting your peers, professors and others know what type of position you’re looking for. Information interviewing allows you to meet with individuals in areas that interest you, helping you uncover information about the career not taught in the classroom.

Directly contacting the person who has the hiring power can be of enormous help to you. According to Parker, only 20 percent to 30 percent of jobs are posted online or in want ads. Unfortunately, she says, most people don’t have time to contact 15 or 20 potential employers—especially face-to-face, a very effective technique.

Direct contact includes sending out a letter of interest or your résumé. But remember that some recruitment departments of companies may receive tens, hundreds or even thousands of unsolicited mail every day, just like you may receive lots of unwanted, junk e-mail. Sending it to the right person, usually not in human resources, according to Park, is vital. It is also vital to tell them you will soon follow up with them to further discuss your qualifications.

Different majors or careers may have an impact on when to start sending out résumés. For example, for most instructional positions, hiring begins at the end of the school year and ends at the beginning of the school year. Parker recommends that those in the field of technology—one of the most negatively affected areas due to the economic slump—give themselves a little more time, since economic times also play a factor on



One-on-one interviewing is crucial in the hiring process.

when to send out résumés. More than anything, a job seeker wants to set him- or herself apart from everyone else—whether it be through grades, determination or experience. “You almost need to think about it as a sales pitch,” Parker said.

## Where do you buy your job interview clothing?

*UCF students reveal where they go when they’re shopping for a job interview*

“The Men’s Warehouse. Good quality, but low prices.”  
—Mike Muse, Senior

“I usually go to J.C. Penney because it usually has nice pants.”  
—Ashla Chan, Freshman

“K & G...It’s a lot cheaper than a lot of other places.”  
—Jamar Johnson, Junior

“Maybe Sears or Rave. The Rave is cheap, but Sears has better-looking clothes and they fit better.”  
—Stephanie Nettles, Freshman

“Men’s Closet...It doesn’t have the same plain, black suits that everywhere else has.”  
—Anthony Wright, Senior

“I go to J.C. Pennys or Surreys Menswear—it’s a little custom shop. Penny’s cause it’s cheap and Surreys cause it’s nice.”  
—Keith Reay, Junior

“Probably Limited Express. It has stuff that fits.”  
—Lauren Dulin, Freshman

“Goodwill. It’s cheap and you can actually find some nice stuff if you’re willing to sort through the stuff that looks like it’s from the 1950s.”  
—Alexia Heller, Senior

“The only place I’ve ever bought a suit is at the Men’s Warehouse. It gives you a lifetime warranty—it tailors your suit anytime for free.”  
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## Career planning workshops

Career planning workshops are designed to help students get a head start in making the right career choices and to provide valuable information, skills training and resources to enhance career development. Several of these 50-minute courses are offered throughout each semester and are free to UCF students and alumni. A monthly schedule and sign-up sheet are provided at the Student Services Counter in the CRC and can also be accessed through the CRC web site at [www.crc.ucf.edu](http://www.crc.ucf.edu).

The following courses are offered: Orientation to CRC Services, Résumé, Interviewing Techniques, Job Search Strategy and Federal Employment.

## Career advising

Career Advisors are available by appointment to provide specific information and advice on major/career connections, résumé and cover letter critiques, mock interviews, choosing and targeting employers, job search strategies and other career-related issues. Appointments generally last 45 minutes and may be scheduled through the Student Services Counter in the CRC. It is recommended to attend the related workshop before making an appointment.

For issues that require immediate assistance that can be handled without an appointment, a C.O.D., or "Counselor on Duty" is on-hand to meet with students on a "walk-in" basis. These sessions typically last only 10 - 15 minutes and are intended for quick résumé critiques or questions regarding the G.O.L.D. system, etc. Please contact the CRC (407-823-2361) to confirm the availability of the "C.O.D.", as there are times when this service is not accessible due to special events or other outreach activities. The CRC's career advising services are available only to UCF students and alumni.

Students who are unsure as to the types of careers best suited for their personalities and skills should visit the Counseling & Testing Center. Career counseling and assessment are available by appointment to currently enrolled UCF students.

## Career information library

The Career Information Library in the Career Resource Center offers a variety of resources to assist students with career planning and job search activities. The "Business and Industry" section contains information and promotional literature from more than 650 companies. This includes companies currently interviewing on-campus as well as other organizations, both local and national, which recruit frequently. Other sections provide information on City, County, State and Federal Government agencies as well as various school districts throughout Florida and the United States. In addition, students interested in furthering their education can find information in graduate, law and professional school programs.

The Career Information Library also contains a video resource section. Many compa-

nies provide videos as a way to familiarize potential employees with the history of their organizations, training programs, benefits packages, etc. This section also includes a series of tapes on topics such as job search strategies, writing résumés, interviewing skills and negotiating salaries to help students with various aspects of the employment process.

## Job data bank

The Career Resource Center receives tens of thousands of job advertisements each year from employers through the mail and by fax. These listings are categorized by occupational area and posted for two weeks in the Career Information Library.

Occupational categories for full-time opportunities include: Business & Industry, City, County, State, Federal Government, Education, International, Health Care, Media, Hospitality and others. Separate sections for Internships, Part-time jobs and Summer jobs are also included.

Each listing contains the employer's contact information. The Job Data Bank is available during the CRC's normal business hours.

## Go for the G.O.L.D. with the Grads On-Line

UCF students and alumni up to one semester after graduation can access the Grads On-Line Database free of charge to register for on-campus recruitment and résumé referrals. Using the G.O.L.D. system, you can post your résumé for use by employers, view current job listings, track your résumé referral history and even schedule on-campus interviews from anywhere you have internet access! To register, visit the CRC web site and select G.O.L.D. Student Login or Alumni Login. Alumni more than one semester after graduation may access the system for a nominal fee; please visit our web site for a current fee schedule.

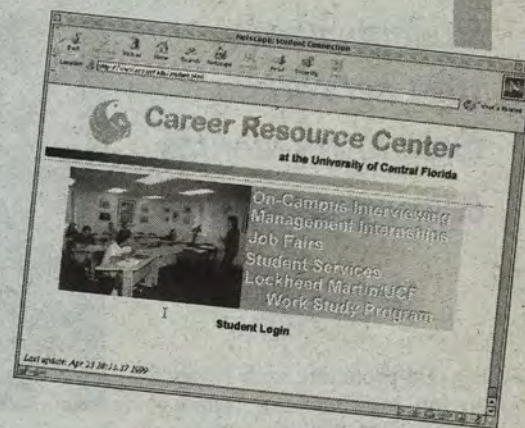
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The Career Resource Center web site is your passport to a world of on-line career and job search resources. Simply point your web browser to [www.crc.ucf.edu](http://www.crc.ucf.edu) to check on the latest job fair information, sign-up for a career planning mini-class, or link to a variety of nationwide job bank web sites and search engines.

The web site also includes information on the programs and services offered by the CRC.

UCF students and alumni up to one semester after graduation can access the GOLD Connection free of charge. The GOLD Connection allows registration of a personal profile and posting of your résumé so you may participate in on-campus interviews, view job postings, and track your résumé referral history.



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Mock Interview

## On-Campus Recruitment and Job Postings:

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## Career Information:

Career Information Library  
Career Reference Books  
NACE Job Choices Annuals  
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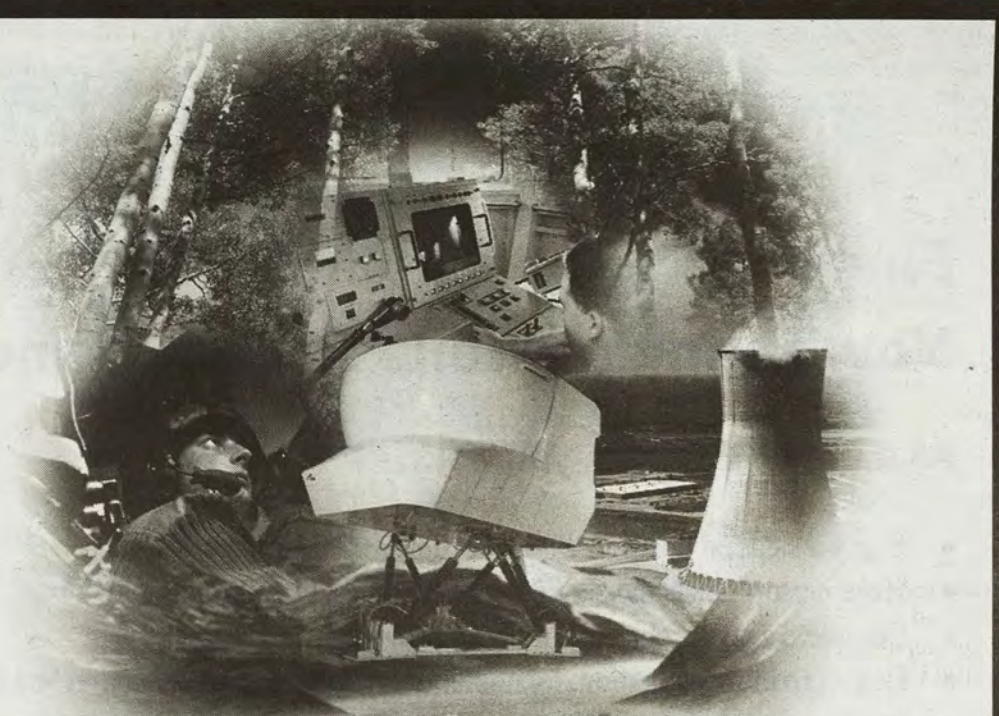
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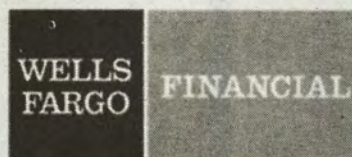
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